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A FESTIVE LOOK AT
Holton Road, Barry

VISIT COWBRIDGE THIS CHRISTMAS
A Magical Festive Experience

Cowbridge lights its beacon and remembers the Fallen a century on

It is 7pm and a beacon is lit at Cowbridge Rugby Club.

There was an early start and a late finish to Remembrance Day in Cowbridge this year. See page 7 for a report and more photographs by MIKE WILCOCK.

It's 6am and piper John Campbell plays **Battle's Over** *outside the town hall.*

THE Poppy Appeal organiser for Cowbridge, David Howell, has praised the "utterly incredible" support that the appeal has received from the area.

The centrepiece was the cascade of poppies outside the Town Hall, which was arranged by Ceri Anderson, Town Clerk and her assistant Sian Hookins.

Mr Howell said: "Coupled with this, 90 businesses displayed large felt poppies in their windows, and over 20 of those also supported the 'Paint the Town Red' call and decorated all or part of their shop windows in support of the appeal, showing a great deal of imagination and ingenuity.

"In that figure were a number of the appeal's regular supporters such as Colours, Costa Coffee, Dogs Trust and Tenovus, plus shops new to the town: Specsavers, Barking Mad and the Cats Defence League.

"A special mention goes to Arthur John for selling poppy-shaped bird feeders and contributing £1 from each one sold. The town was end to end poppies and for that fortnight, perhaps the name 'Poppytown VoG' was more appropriate.

"The surrounding villages helped commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1 in a variety of ways. Aberthin produce a very emotive piece: 'The Last Post' depicting a young girl posting a poppy in the village post box flanked by a bugler; they also decorated the base of the tree in the village.

"St Hilary decorated their telephone box. The children of Llanfair School decorated the school fence with large poppies and also 'Cycled from the Somme' on exercise bikes to raise money for the appeal.

"Church groups at St Mary Church and Colwinston arranged commemorative events and large poppies on lamp posts commemorating their war dead were in evidence in Llanblethian, Pendoylan, Llysworney, Colwinston, Peterston and Llanmaes.

"Poppies were in abundance throughout Cowbridge and the local area during the Poppy Appeal fortnight, and I must thank very sincerely all those who helped in any way, and I apologise if I have missed anyone.

"The commemoration of the end of World War One was an important event: but of prime importance is the support of service personnel and their families. I hope the efforts people made will be reflected in the donations to this year's Poppy Appeal."

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Recycling collection system doesn't work

FOR the second time in a month on Beatrice Road in Barry, the recycling has been left in the street.

It has been there for four days.

When I contacted the cleansing department on Friday morning, I was told that it would be collected as soon as possible, and as of Sunday, it was still there.

I don't think this new system is really working and was ill thought out.

The council are boasting that they have a profit of 1.7 million, but won't invest in the equipment required to do the jobs properly, perhaps instead adding it to the massive reserves they already have.

Michael Jones, Barry.

Information wanted on the Cambrian Dash

AS the author of *The Great Welsh Sprint – The story of the Welsh Powderhall Handicap 1903-1934*, I am now researching the history of the Cambrian Dash, an 80-yard foot race held at Taff Vale Park in Pontypridd during or around the same time as the Welsh Powderhall Sprint, which was a 110-yard handicap for professional athletes.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has any information, press cuttings, programmes, photographs etc and I can be contacted by e-mail at *brianlee4@virginmedia.com* or by telephone on 02920 736438.

Brian Lee, Cardiff.

Reader's call for investigation into veterans

AS a teenage civil-rights supporter in Belfast, I remember when British troops were sent in to protect Catholic areas from gangs of Unionists burning homes.

The purpose was to protect us, but the reality fell short.

The inquiry into Derry's 'Bloody Sunday' established that troops shot up a peaceful civil rights demonstration. Now Channel 4's documentary on the 'Ballymurphy massacre' with newly opened inquest gives another case.

As detailed in the documentary, troops sent into a Catholic area of Belfast killed local people on the street, included one lying wounded on the ground and others trying to rescue injured friends and family.

If, as Secretary of State for Wales Alun Cairns said (GEM, November 8), the majority fully complied with the law, it is hugely uncomfortable for them to be tarred with these clear exceptions.

Some 47 years on, there can be no full justice but we must allow the long campaigned-for Ballymurphy inquest to run its course.

Let the Coroner call as many of the 100 named soldier-veterans as needed.

Anne Greagsby, Penarth.

Story of loneliest war grave was 'incredibly moving'

THROUGH marriage, I share the surname of the soldier, Charles Murphy, that featured on your website under the headline 'An unenviable distinction: the loneliest war grave' (The GEM edition of November 8).

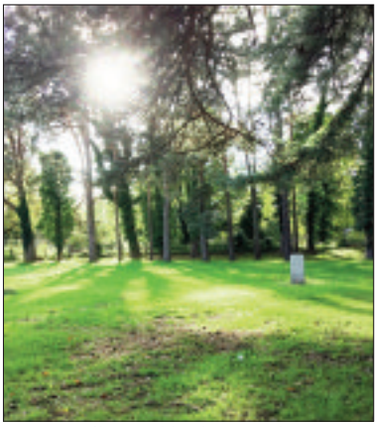
Kudos to you for what is one of the simplest, most gently written and most touching stories I have read anywhere in the run up to and amidst the hyperbole of the Armistice centenary.

I must say how moved I was to read about him, and wonder what sort of a life he had and why he was at what I have learnt was a psychiatric hospital. Your choice of poem was also incredibly moving.

As has been said before, one million dead is a statistic, but one death is a tragedy, and however and whyever Rifleman Charles Murphy died, his death is a tragedy.

I do not live in Bridgend, but I will visit one day to see his grave and to make sure that he remains remembered. Thank you for posting the story.

Angharad Murphy (RN Ret'd), Cirencester.



Rifleman Charles Murphy's grave in Bridgend.

MP's thanks to all involved in Vale Remembrance services

I AM writing to thank and to pay tribute to everyone who took part in the Remembrance Services held across the Vale last week.

Sunday ended a series of events and initiatives that reminded us of the sacrifices of those who served, together with the effect on their families and communities who supported them.

The planning and organisation of each service will have taken time and commitment. These events don't just happen.

The officers and members of the Royal British Legion and community groups will have spent weeks considering how best to reflect the mood of the public for each event.

The turnout at each service shows how well their efforts are recognised. We owe the organisers a debt of gratitude.

In addition to the services, I want to thank teachers, Scouts and Guides and their associated groups for their work to ensure younger people were fully involved, helping them learn and understand the lessons.

I was most moved by the messages children left on the wreaths. The GEM reported last week that I had organised 100 children to lay 100 wreaths as part of the commemoration. One 10-year-old wrote: "We don't know all, but we owe all", highlighting the depth of their understanding in the most original way.

In organising the 100 wreath laying service, I want to thank all those local companies that sponsored the wreaths and raised more than £3,000 for the RBL. The names of the companies are listed on my website. They helped ensure that it was a whole community initiative.

Most of all, however, we should again thank those who served and who still serve.

Visiting the Welsh Guards in Afghanistan earlier this year helped me understand the risks they take in our interests. I was humbled by their bravery, commitment and professionalism – selfless individuals who act as a unit to defend our interests.

Alun Cairns MP, Barry.

'Fitting tribute in centenary year'

THE Llantwit Major branch of the Royal British Legion wishes to thank the town council and their staff, plus all the people who contributed to and made the fantastic wall hanging!

The parade was held in good weather which was a blessing and extremely well attended.

Also, our thanks go to everyone who turned out to hear the bagpipes being played at the unearthly hour of 6am on Sunday, and again at the evening events when the beacon was lit. Thanks also to the bugler for playing Last Post and the bell ringers of St Illtud's church.

Naturally, our thanks go to our very own standard bearer who attended all these events. We believe it was a very successful Remembrance Day to commemorate the centenary of the First World War.

Maureen Geary-Andrews, Llantwit Major Royal British Legion.

'Roads to ruin in Wales'

IN the Budget, the Chancellor announced that councils in England will get an immediate cash injection of £420 million for fixing potholes, repairing damaged roads and maintaining bridges, while an additional £150m is being provided to improve road access for work places and high streets.

I asked the Welsh Government what contribution they will be making to local authorities such as Vale to patch up and resurface roads in Wales. The answer is just £20m in 2018-19, a third less than 2017-18.

Here's the official reply in full: "Building on the £30m investment to local authorities in 2017-18 to maintain and prevent the deterioration of the local roads network, the Welsh Government is providing a further £60m of capital funding over three years (£20m in each of 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21) to support a local government road refurbishment programme throughout Wales."

So it's pretty obvious that local road conditions are not going to improve dramatically any time soon.

J Heenan-Davies, Rhoose.

'Memories of Cardiff'

YOUR report on Gwerfyl Gardner's talk to the U3A recently on the lost department stores of Cardiff brought so many memories flooding back.

These stores knocked those of the West End into the proverbial cocked hat!

The mention of Marments was very emotive, because before the war, my father was their advertising manager, and Marments had class (not that I am biased!).

A few doors away on the corner of Queen Street and Kingsway, stood Evan Roberts who supplied school uniforms. So the beautiful city that Cardiff used to be is not entirely forgotten; despite the tatty town it has become.

Successive city councils should be ashamed of themselves.

Patricia Price, Cowbridge.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL NOVEMBER 22)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
15 Thur	11.08	7.7	23.35	7.5
16 Fri			12.18	7.4
17 Sat	00.58	7.4	13.43	7.6
18 Sun	02.25	7.7	14.53	7.9
19 Mon	03.24	8.2	15.44	8.5
20 Tues	04.09	8.8	16.28	9.0
21 Wed	04.52	9.1	17.09	9.5
22 Thur	05.28	9.8	17.49	9.9

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Pride in Cowbridge group officially unveil the town hall's poppy cascade

NOVEMBER 6 was the official unveiling of Cowbridge's poppy cascade which is such a striking feature of the town hall.

A large number of groups and individuals spent time sewing the poppies in place, and Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council invited the workers to the event.

A number of those involved were able to come along and children from the local schools which had taken part were also there.

Country Market

COWBRIDGE Country Market takes place in in The Lesser Hall on Friday, November 16 for the launch of their Christmas range.

There will be lots of exciting crafts and Christmas goodies, including chutneys, jams, mince pies and Christmas puddings.

Big Screen

BIG SCREEN'S next film for this season is *Journey's End* (Cert 12A) on Thursday, November 22 at 7.30pm at Cowbridge Town Hall.

Starring Stephen Graham, Paul Bettany and Sam Claflin, it is a superb production faithful to Sherrif's intentions, with compelling acting. The film brings to modern audiences some of the human costs of the First World War.

Doors open 7.10pm; tickets £4, available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door.

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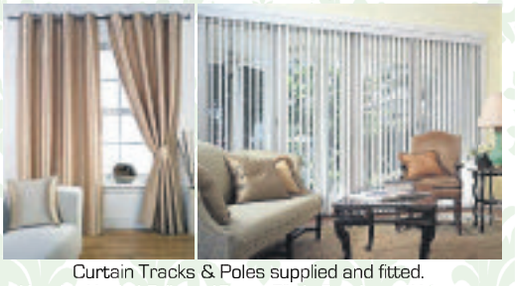
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Christmas festival in Pontyclun

THE Pontyclun Christmas Festival, organised by The Pontyclun Community Council, takes place on Saturday, December 1 in the Athletic Club, Pontyclun.

The Pontyclun Macmillan group will be staging an indoor Christmas market, from 12pm to 5pm.

There will be a range of stalls including homemade preserves, hand-crafted Christmas decorations and wreaths, jewellery, handmade candles, artisan bread – in fact, all that you would need for your Christmas present list.

The Macmillan group will be selling teas and coffees, homemade Welsh cakes and mince pies and donations of any of these would be welcome.

Outside the Athletic Club, the PCC are hosting children's games and entertainment. There will be street food, hog-roast, roasting chestnuts, candyfloss, mulled wine, a children's merry-go-round and music followed, by the gathering around the Christmas tree at 5.30pm in front of Giles Gallery for the switching on of the street and tree lights.

All funds raised by the group will go towards the Macmillan Y Bwthyn project currently under construction at The Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrisant.

For further information, contact Edwina on 07710198617, Chris on 07968018870 or Yvonne on 07878015744.

Fancy joining the group? Join them at Café 50 Plus on the first Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm. For cancer support, call Macmillan free on 08088 080000.

Art society to hold exhibition

ON Thursday, November 15, Cowbridge Art Society holds its winter exhibition in the Old Hall.

Awards will be made to the winners of different categories by curator and art lecturer Heather Parnell.

On Thursday, November 22, there will be a demonstration on the use of mixed media by Raglan artist Alex Brown.

The society welcomes artists of any level, and also non artists.

The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm). For details of the society's activities, collect a programme from the Old Hall, or visit www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas or Instagram#cowbridgeartsociety.

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Councils' positive meeting at chamber

A MEETING took place between Cowbridge Town Council and Cowbridge Comprehensive School Youth Council in the Council Chamber this week.

It was a very positive meeting, with the School Council getting a better understanding of what a Town Council does, alongside them voicing their ideas and concerns about Cowbridge for town councillors to consider.

The Town Council is very keen to engage with the younger people of Cowbridge and further meetings will be arranged in the future.

Remembrance rings out across Cowbridge

AT 11am on Sunday, November 11, the bells of St Hilary, Llanblethian and Cowbridge churches rang out to honour the Armistice.

This year, there was extra ringing.

At 12.30pm, the bells of Llanblethian and Cowbridge rang out simultaneously as part of a nationwide campaign to remember the 1,400 bell ringers who died in the First World War.

Later that day, at 7.05pm, as the beacon was lit at Cowbridge rugby field, the bells of St Hilary and Cowbridge rang out once more to join the centenary celebrations of the end of the First World War.

The bellringers certainly did their best to create "a bloody great din," which was David Lloyd George's request on November 11, 1918!

U3A's visit to Westonbirt Arboretum

ONCE again, Cowbridge U3A were lucky with the weather when 14 of the Natural History group, accompanied by 16 other U3A members, set off on a trip to Westonbirt Arboretum recently.

Autumn is the peak time to visit there to see the trees changing colour, but due to the unusual weather conditions experienced this year, the spectacular show had peaked a week or two earlier than expected.

The group arrived ahead of schedule and dispersed to find leisurely refreshments before a guided tour. They were divided into two groups, each with two volunteer guides who took them around selected highlights of the 15,000 tree specimens of 2,500 species, of which well over 100 are UK champions.

The seasonal stars were the Japanese acers, many of which were a glorious red, but they also saw sequoias, cedars, swamp cyprus, redwood pines, plane trees, magnolias (not in bloom, but some with fruit), an Indian bean tree (a USA native) and a candyfloss tree, so-called because of its burnt sugar smell.

They prodded the spongy bark of the sequoias and were told that this is because they lack resin, which makes them resistant to fire. Some trees such, as the Douglas fir, need extreme temperatures, such as those produced by wildfires, or freezing below -20C to initiate germination of the seeds in their cones.

The group learned that the gardens were started by the wealthy Holford family during the Victorian era; a background story not unlike like local Dyffryn Gardens.

Careful notes are now kept of the seedlings and trees that are planted, but that was not always the case, and so many of the trees cannot be dated more accurately than from about 1850.

Lunch had been pre-arranged, which was as well, as they had a struggle to find tables and chairs in the dining area, but the soup and sandwiches were just right when they arrived.

They then spent three hours on further exploration along a number of different paths, with a craft exhibition and a shop to visit. The arboretum management are keen to maintain a dog and child friendly policy, so some paths are busy and noisy, but it was always possible to find less-travelled routes with their peace and tranquillity.

U3A members enjoying the colours at Westonbirt.

Other found delights included the 2,000 year old small-leaved lime tree, which is managed by coppicing every 20 years. There was an occasional bird to spot, such as a silent sparrowhawk which alighted on the top of the tallest pine tree for a while before disappearing again.

A very popular feature appealing to young and old alike was the Tree Top Walkway, which gave a different perspective and from where there was a bird's eye view across the arboretum.

By 4.30pm, the light was fading when they left for the drive back to Cowbridge through the rush hour, which took just two hours.

Thanks go to Val for once again arranging a very good day out suitable for everyone, from the tree expert to the novice just there for the colourful displays.

TJ

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Festive blossoms in town

THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers' Club held their Christmas theme evening being entertained by the NAFAS Demonstrator Mr Adrian Cook.

With his witty humour, his expert knowledge the evening turned out to be a fun time. Jane Williams, Consort for the Mayor of Cowbridge and Georgina Magnay, the club's president, were in attendance. Mulled wine and mince pies made the evening go with a swing. The arrangements were raffled so lots of ladies went home feeling extremely happy.

The next meeting is the Christmas social evening to be held on November 29 in the Lesser Hall at 7.30pm.

Colwinston celebrates its history at books' launch

THERE was a packed audience (with many residents having to stand) at the village hall last week to attend the launch of two books: *Colwinston – A Changing Village* and *Colwinston – A Historical Journey*.

The publications and the event itself were well organised by Heather Maclehose, John Duxbury, Chris Hawker and other volunteers (including Deb Fisher and Liz Nash), with contributions by the Cowbridge Historical Society and the National Museum of Wales.

There were visual displays, old photos, maps, artefacts and documents together with the Bronze Age bronze axe heads (found in the village some years ago).

A celebratory cake adorned with the Colwinston book cover was cut and enjoyed by the villagers.

Residents who have already ordered one or both books, or new customers, can collect them on Monday, November 19, at the village hall from 7pm to 9pm.

The Historical Journey book is purchasable (priced £3.50) now from Cowbridge Bookshop, Charlie's Café Colwinston and from Chris Hawker or Deb Fisher in the village.

The Changing Village book (priced £12) will also be available for village residents from Heather, Chris or John in Colwinston.

Once again, the rural village of Colwinston put on a great event and continues to punch above its weight!

CW

Historical artefacts discovered around the village.

A pumpkin party at Cowbridge allotments

Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes were on display at Cowbridge Community Allotments.

COWBRIDGE Community Allotments celebrated its autumn harvest with a party.

The sun shone as family and friends were treated to a hearty picnic lunch of home-made pumpkin soup and apple strudel.

This followed their first-ever pumpkin competition, which had seen many months of growing pumpkins from seed into fruit.

There were pumpkins of different colours and sizes and winners were chosen for the largest, prettiest and ugliest. It was a fun day which is sure to be a permanent fixture on the group's social calendar.

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Concert in Pontyclun

A CONCERT will take place on Tuesday, December 4 at 7.30pm at Hope Presbyterian Church, Castan Road, Pontyclun (CF7 29EH). Entry by ticket at £7, refreshments afterwards.

For more information call Leah Jenkins 07955 476205; cantorionpontyclunladieschoir@gmail.com.

Accompanist for the programme will be Giordano Ferla and musical director Angharad Edwards. Come along and enjoy an early musical start to Christmas.

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Llanmaes village creates its own Centenary Field

ON November 10, people gathered on the recreation field in Llanmaes to formally dedicate the site as a Centenary Field.

This event was the culmination of a partnership between Fields in Trust, an organisation that protects green spaces for people to enjoy in perpetuity, and The Royal British Legion.

Fields protected between 2014 and 2018 have the special status of Centenary Fields in recognition of the Centenary of World War 1 (1914 – 1918). The status of Llanmaes Centenary Field means that it can not be developed, and will remain a green space for the enjoyment of future generations.

In addition, Llanmaes Memorial Garden has been created within the Centenary Field. Roy Kennion, Royal Navy veteran and Lexie Thomas, representing the youth of the village, laid a wreath from the community in remembrance.

Lexie Thomas and Roy Kennion.

It is hoped that the garden will be used by those who wish to sit and reflect in a peaceful and beautiful setting. The Memorial Garden draws on the natural aspect of the site and will be planted with bulbs and wild flowers.

Llanmaes Community Council would like to thank the following partners for their help in this venture: Fields in Trust – Rhodri Edwards, the Vale Council; Dave Knevett, Alun Griffiths Construction, who provided and fitted the benches and plaque; Jeff Evans of Edenvale Garden Services who landscaped the site, and Mark Isaacs, who fitted the entrance plaque.

JS

The history of Trecastell

THE report (November 3) on Cowbridge U3A's stroll said that they had found no signs of any castle in Coed Castell woods.

The Trecastell Estate includes (or included) Trecastell Farm as well as Coed Trcastell, the old Llanharry Ironmine and the Boar's Head. The castle itself was situated where the present farmhouse stands.

The estate has been in the continuous unbroken ownership of the Gibbon family since the year 1428, the present owner being Graham Samuel-Gibbon, and the tenancy of the Hopkin family for several generations.

There are family graves in St Illtyd's Church Llanharry, including an Elizabethan tombstone of William Gibbon of Trecastell dated 1584, and memorials and stained glass windows given by the Samuel-Gibbons.

The family crest is 'a boar's head, couped azure, transfixed by a spear erect, azure, suspended from a buglehorn sable by a ribbon azure'.

Lawrie Williams, Llanblethian

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WI members enjoy Janet's fascinating history of hats

AT its recent meeting, Boverton WI members shared a minute silence in memory of all the fallen of world wars.

On display with our banner was a beautiful wreath of hand knitted poppies, both made by Coleen, one of our members. Then it was down to business.

Our upcoming trip to Hereford, ideal for Christmas shopping is this month. In December a hand knitted Nativity scene made by Anne Beckwith will be on display at Holy Cross Cowbridge Christmas Festival.

The Christmas Party will be in December, with entertainment by a Barbershop Quartet.

Our speaker for the evening was Mrs Janet Jennings who brought along a magnificent collection of hats, from Victorian times to present day.

First Victorian, then Edwardian held in place by a lethal looking hat pin. Handy if your suitor tried to take liberties.

In the 30s it was trilbys, Fedoras, pillboxes and snoods. Then in the war years, the headscarf came into its own, still popular today. The Queen even wears one horse riding.

For the men, bowlers, derbys and trilbys. In the 60s wearing hats was in decline, now worn mostly at weddings and Ascot. Long gone are the days when no self-respecting lady went shopping without hat and gloves. A pity that.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening and trying on the hats. The raffle was won by Anne Beckwith and Pam Lewis, the monthly competition by Joan Davies. Boverton WI meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Llantonian Hall and visitors are always welcomed.

WJ

Village's tree becomes Poppy Appeal tribute

IN Aberthin, an idea put forward by Toby Lewis to decorate the village tree for Remembrance evolved into a full-blown event.

Helpful hands – both big and small – were soon busy cutting, painting, drilling and tying to make the tribute pictured.

One of the charities that caused a buzz was The Bridgend and District Beekeepers' Association.

'Be happy' says local supermarket

WAITROSE held a tea party on November 6 to celebrate 10 years of the Community Matters Green Token scheme, here at Waitrose and Partners, Cowbridge.

Our branch manager, Caroline Sullivan, attended and really enjoyed meeting the charities and other guests.

The charities that attended were: With Music in Mind; With Music In Mind is a singing group for people aged 50 and over to get together, to socialise and to have fun.

The Bridgend and District Beekeepers' Association: aids development and co-operation among beekeepers and interchanging of ideas and experience, to improve standards of beekeeping.

The Cowbridge and District Museum: the volunteers help with the preservation and communication of the history of Cowbridge and surrounding area.

MELANIE ODDY

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN CAU FFORDD DROS GOLEUADAU'R NADOLIG LLANTWIT ROAD SAIN TATHAN DYDD SUL 2 RHAGFYR 2018

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Y CYFYNGIR, ac eithrio'r hyn y darperir ar ei gyfer yn y gorchymyn, y defnydd o'r strydoedd neu rannau o'r strydoedd a nodir i draffig cerbydau, gan gynnwys beiciau pedal, ac eithrio i gerbydau'r Gwasanaethau Brys, rhwng yr oriau a nodir yng ngholofn 3 o'r atodlen a nodir. Y gosb am dorri'r rheoliad yw dirwy hyd at £1000.00.

Atodlen

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn3
Dydd Sul 2 Rhagfyr 2018	**Llantwit Road Sain Tathan** rhwng Rectory Road a'r gyffordd â Gerddi Llanilltyd / Warlow Close.	12.00pm tan 7.00pm

Bydd Arwyddion Gwyriad yn cael eu gosod
Dyddiedig 15 Tachwedd 2018
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS LLANTWIT ROAD ST ATHAN SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of Emergency Services vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00

Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Sunday 2nd December 2018	**Llantwit Road St Athan** between Rectory Road and its junction with Llantwit Gardens / Warlow Close	12.00 noon to 7.00pm

Local Signed Diversions shall be in place
Dated this 15th of November 2018
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps Wenvoe CF5 6AA

Cowbridge residents are out in force to pay their respects to the Fallen on Remembrance Sunday

PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK.
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In Cowbridge for Remembrance. (This photo by Glyn Evans).

Cowbridge Remembrance service on film

LOCAL photographer Mike Wilcock has put up a 16-minute film on YouTube showing this year's Remembrance Sunday in Cowbridge for those unable to be there.

Mike said: "It features the piper at the town hall at 6am, followed by the parade and Act of Remembrance and wreath laying. Finally, there's the march past back at the town hall. It was a very special day in Cowbridge."

To find the video on YouTube, search for 'Remembrance Sunday, Cowbridge with Llanblethian 2018'.

IT was a full day of Remembrance in Cowbridge on Sunday – in fact it was longer than dawn to dusk!

The day began at 6am as piper John Campbell played 'Battle's Over'.

Then, it was a return to a traditional Cowbridge Remembrance Day, as the parade formed up just behind the Town Hall, before the march to Holy Cross Church.

Wreaths were laid and the two-minute silence was impeccably observed by a very large crowd.

Later in the day, after dark at 7pm, another large crowd gathered at the rugby club when Cowbridge joined the many towns and villages who were lighting a beacon to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice in 1918.

(Readers of The GEM's Cowbridge edition can see photos of the 6am event and 7pm event on page 1).

Aston Martin's new St Athan home for BEV nearly complete

WITH the unveiling of Aston Martin Lagonda's first SUV scheduled for the last quarter of 2019, work is progressing apace to complete the new St Athan production facility. The site, which started life as a series of Ministry of Defence 'super hangars', is being transformed into a manufacturing plant.

One that will be the British marque's second production facility and ultimately become the company's 'home of electrification' when the marque's planned BEV (battery electric vehicles) models enter production.

Already home to some 100 employees, St Athan is nearing completion with the Paint Shop fully installed and construction of the production line well underway. Once fully commissioned early in the first quarter of 2019, when production of the first prototype models will commence, the workforce will be boosted to nearer 200.

More than 70 employees are set to join the St Athan team having spent the last two-and-a-half years at Aston Martin Lagonda's Gaydon Headquarters learning the Aston Martin way.

This core group of experts will train new employees at the St Athan plant. They're sure to be busy with the workforce steadily increasing during the first half of 2019, then increasing rapidly to more than 700 by the first quarter of 2020 as DBX production get fully underway.

Dr Andy Palmer, Aston Martin Lagonda president and group chief executive officer, said: "As the St Athan facility nears completion, there is a very real sense this is the start of a bold new era for Aston Martin Lagonda. A second production facility is a critical step in delivering our Second Century Plan.

"The St Athan facility will commence with the production of our first SUV but will ultimately be a global centre of excellence for the production of luxury high performance EVs, including Lagonda: the world's first luxury electric automotive brand."

Those interested in seeing the St Athan plant can take a video tour of the new production facility for a fascinating behind-closed-doors glimpse of the factory as it enters its final completion phase; visit the link here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hcO_qlSDg4&t=7s

Images courtesy of Aston Martin Lagonda.

St Cyres recognised for programme

ST Cyres School has announced that it has been recognised as an 'Apple Distinguished School' (ADS) for 2018–2021 for its 1:1 iPad programme.

"ADS", said a spokesperson, "are centres of innovation, leadership and educational excellence that use Apple products to inspire creativity, collaboration and critical thinking."

The spokesperson continued: "St Cyres moved into a new facility in November 2014.

"Staff of the school realised that technology could facilitate and extend its aim to offer innovative and effective learning experiences and since 2014, the school has provided each pupil from years 7-13 with Apple products to use in lessons and at home, and all teaching and non-teaching have similar."

They added: "Nearly all teaching staff are Apple Teachers, using a learning programme designed to support teaching and learning."

AS

Afternoon tea in Llantwit Major

A BAKE sale and afternoon tea takes place at the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, November 24 from 1pm to 4pm, with the proceeds going to Alzheimer's and Macmillan.

Tickets are on sale from The Hair Studio, Llantwit Major, on 01446 795580 and Victoria's Quest on 01446 793563.

There will be mulled wine on entry with a choice of sandwiches and cakes with a festive theme, accompanied by tea or coffee. There will be entertainment by Thingumajigs and the Ukelastic Ukulele band.

Cakes can be purchased on the day and donations of these and raffle prizes would be welcomed.

Penarth Ramblers pay visit to 'Virtuous Well'

SIXTEEN Penarth and District Ramblers recently joined Sylvia in the historic village of Trellech, which derived its name from three standing stones that hail back to the Bronze Age.

After visiting the Virtuous Well, known for its cures of eye complaints and women's illnesses, they headed into fields beside the Penarth Brook and into Woolpitch Wood to view the remains of Trellech blast furnace, where iron ore was smelted to make pig iron.

After a morning break with grand views of the Monmouthshire countryside and the central Beacons, some road walking led them to Hygga Farm with its delightful red sandstone dovecote.

Passing the Iron Age Ffynnon Gaer hillfort and entering pretty moss and leaf covered tracks in Ninewells Wood, they stopped for lunch in a leafy glade.

Ancient tracks brought them to Cleddon Shoots, a waterfall which drops down the hillside to Llandogo, then past Cleddon Hall, the birthplace of Bertrand Russell. They then went through Cuckoo Wood with its brilliant views over the River Wye.

From part of the Wye Valley Walk, they deviated through Parson's Allotment and Beacon Hill and made their way through fields with grand views of the tall spire of St Nicholas Church, re-entered the village and returned to their start, just as misty rain turned heavier.

A group of 11 walkers joined Joy on an overcast morning for 'Shortish Strides', a series of local walks for those who would prefer only a morning walk.

Heading down through Cwm Cidi, the 'valley of the black dog', into Porthkerry Country Park, a narrow leaf-strewn path led them uphill. They crossed West Ridge for the descent and followed the Whitelands Brook towards the 17th century Old Rectory, surrounded by beautiful autumnal tinted trees.

Crossing a meadow with a grand view of the 110-foot Porthkerry Viaduct which still carries the Vale line down to Bridgend, a steep sunken lane brought them uphill to Porthkerry village green.

By a quiet lane, they entered Porthkerry Leisure Park before deviating through the Iron Age hillfort of the Bulwarks, where a slippery muddy path led them downhill to Porthkerry Bay, with its vast pebble beach leading to Cold Knap.

After clambering up the Golden Stairs and along the cliff at Marine Drive, they descended to Cold Knap for refreshments before making their way through the Knap gardens and into Romilly Park.

Passing through the locally-quarried Gorsedd Stones that were erected in 1920, they crossed Cwm Barri and the Four Fields for the descent into the Millwood, returning to their start by way of Pontypridd Road.

On November 17, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile moderate walk in the Tredegar area, the birthplace of the NHS; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On November 18, meet at 9am at Cogan for an 8.5-mile moderate/hard walk taking in Cwmcarn and Twmbarlwm; contact Geraint on 02920 515278.

A reminder that the group's AGM will take place at 7.30pm on Monday, November 19 in the Old Library at the rear of the Parish Hall in Dinas Powys and all are welcome.

For up to date information, visit www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or access Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

A war memorial that has survived the ravages of time – but not the vandal's spray can

SAY 'Boys' Village' to people of a certain age in the western Vale, and a fuzzy memory may start to appear.

Opened in Aberthaw as a holiday camp in the 1920s for young colliers to have a break from the hell of the pits, it closed in the early 1990s. This was after having been requisitioned during World War Two before being released and returning to its previous function.

For The GEM, however, it is less about the use of the site, long since abandoned but with fresh graffiti and signs of vandalism, and more about its war memorial.

Readers may have seen two recent pieces – one about the memorial to the Glamorgan Yeomanry and another about a solitary war grave alone in a cemetery – in the paper or online.

Theses hidden, partly forgotten, treasures are, in their way, more impressive than almost all the exhibitions and events laid on for this year's Remembrancetide.

The inscription reads:

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This war memorial, with its quaintly hopeful message of peace, has not escaped deliberate damage, but is less vandalised than other parts of the site. Even last year's poppy wreath remains.

Perhaps those responsible for vandalising the deconsecrated church and other buildings on the site retained a modicum of respect.

GEM staff were taken around the site by the current owners, who wonder what can or should be done with the site, but do wonder what readers think.

The 10-acre former village – its sports pitches while overgrown remain level, even if most of the buildings are ruined – was visited by an officer of South Wales Police as we toured the hazardous, but secured site, to check our *bona fides*.

Whatever happens to the site, the owners are determined to preserve the Art Deco-style war memorial.

If any readers have memories of Boys' Village, or thoughts on what should happen to the site, please send them to editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk.

AJ

Craft fair raises funds for Woody's Lodge

Lis Frearson and Rosemary Fisher presenting a cheque for £600 to David Trotman, CEO of Woody's Lodge, with Kimberly Evans and Judy Thomas.

MONEY was raised at the craft fair held in Bonvilston for Woody's Lodge, based at the Amelia Trust Farm, which provides support for former-Forces personnel suffering from PTSD.

Thanks go to all the stallholders, helpers and everyone who supported the event and made it a successful day, raising money for such a worthwhile cause.

'A busy time of the year across the police force'

by Chief Inspector for the Vale, Tony Williams

IT'S great to be given the opportunity to speak to GEM readers in the Vale.

I'm going to be penning these columns to let you know some of what's going on locally from a police point of view and I hope you enjoy reading them.

This time of year is a busy one across the force, with celebrations such as Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night. I am pleased to say there were no major incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Vale during this time.

Tackling anti-social behaviour is a priority for us in the Vale.

This year's campaign message was #Notfunforeveryone and extra patrols were carried out during this period. Officers were busy in the lead up to both events engaging with schools and retailers on community safety.

Officers took part in Remembrance Day services across the Vale. We are proud to show our support for the Armed Forces in what is a particularly poignant year with the centenary of the end of the First World War.

We are now approaching the Christmas period and we would encourage everyone to enjoy the season sensibly and safely.

Our advice would be to store any presents out of sight. The majority of burglars are opportunistic, therefore I would urge residents to make sure their homes are secured by keeping windows and doors locked along with ensuring you keep keys out of sight.

If you have any concerns about policing in the Vale, please get in touch with your local neighbourhood officers.

Jane Hutt AM and Sam Hadley of Network Rail at Barry Town station.

AM welcomes new accessible railway bridges

VALE AM Jane Hutt met Sam Hadley of Network Rail recently and welcomed the news of confirmed investment in new accessible railway bridges for Barry Town and Cadoxton stations.

Ms Hutt said: "I have been campaigning for new rail crossings for Cadoxton and Barry Town stations to enable people to cross the line via new accessible bridges with lifts and ramps. I am delighted to hear the finance has been approved and work will start on these new facilities next year."

Unwanted pumpkins dumped at Cosmeston

Rats feasted on what those on social media termed 'dumpedkins' discarded at the country park.

MORE than 50 unwanted pumpkins were dumped at Cosmeston Park, which attracted rats after Hallowe'en.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "This amount of waste is too much for any wildlife and has resulted in rats in the area.

"We ask that all food waste and rubbish is disposed of correctly and not dumped at parks or gardens."

RN

PACT meetings in the Vale

WHY not come along to **GIBBONSDOWN** 'Cuppa with a Copper' every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close, Barry, between 10am and 12 noon?

There will be a PACT meeting for **GIBBONSDOWN** residents at 10.30am at the Residents' Board Office, Coychurch Rise, Barry on Thursday, November 13.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO and you can contact them directly for non-emergency matters.

Care and Repair in the Vale

IF you are a homeowner or private tenant living in the Vale; elderly or disabled and in need of advice on repairs or home improvements; Care and Repair Cardiff and Vale can give advice on grants available and information on reputable companies to use.

Care and Repair will hold a session at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, November 20 from 10am to 12pm. No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Trustees Week meeting

TRUSTEES' Week is an annual event which takes place from November 12-16 to showcase the great work that trustees do and highlight opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference.

As part of Trustees' Week celebrations, voluntary organisations from across south Wales gathered on November 7 at Barry Memorial Hall for the GVS Governance Conference, A Matter of Trust.

David Holdsworth, deputy chief executive of the Charity Commission was the keynote speaker.

David focused on the importance of public trust in charities. Bethan Walsh from Geldards LLP Solicitors updated delegates on changes in Charity Law.

Clive Curtis of GVS said: "This was an excellent opportunity for local organisations to hear from the experts.

"A full to capacity conference demonstrates that local organisations are keen to ensure they manage themselves legally and efficiently and GVS is always available to support local groups in this way."

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Large crowds attend Remembrance in Dinas Powys

The Ecumenical 7 provided music and two members sounded Last Post.

Young people were keen to pay their respects to the fallen.

Representatives of St Cyres School John Barker, Nadiya Islam and Mrs Islam.

IT was, fittingly, a very special Remembrance Day in Dinas Powys.

The new arrangements for the centenary of the Armistice had been planned by a small committee chaired by Cllr John Fanshaw that had been meeting over the last six months.

As expected, large crowds appeared, as did glorious sunshine.

Representatives of local organisations attended as well as many residents and relatives of those who died in the conflicts.

The chair of Dinas Powys Community Council Steve Thomas and community councillors from Dinas Powys and Michaelston-le-Pit were in attendance.

Scouts and Guides were an integral part of the proceedings. Teams from the local rugby and football clubs attended wearing their sports kit.

Music and hymn accompaniment were provided by the Ecumenical 7 and two of their members sounded Last Post before the two-minute silence and Rouse after.

Dinas Powys Rotary Club and police youth volunteers helped PC Emma Mudie with traffic control.

Many thanks must go to the community council staff who worked with the police and various village organisations to ensure the success of the Armistice Day arrangements.

The staff published the order of service booklet in consultation with local historian Derek Brushett which included the details of every known person from Dinas Powys and Michaelston-le-Pit who died in conflict in the two World Wars.

At the service, the names of the Fallen were read out by Arthur Coxon and Alan Johannson, including the name of William Oliver, the youngest to die, aged only 14.

Cllr Fanshaw said that it was heartening that so many had supported the day and thanked all those who worked so diligently to ensure that the Armistice Day services and other events to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War were such a success.

He also expressed his gratitude to the Rector, the Rev Andrew James, who led both services.

He also thanked all those behind the scenes who had made contributions to these events, including Dinas Powys WI who made the cascade of poppies, DP Rocks for the children's painted rocks for each of the Fallen, Derek Brushett for the displays in the village and Michaelston-le-Pit and his other publications; the local Scout and Girlguiding organisations for their support on the day and Dinas Powys Baptist Church for providing refreshments at the conclusion of the events on Sunday.

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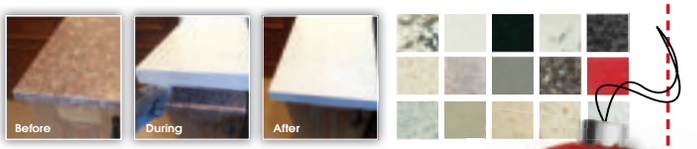

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Vale residents warned after telephone scam concerning 'rat problem'

A NUMBER of Vale residents have been contacted by scammers pretending to be from Environmental Health or Welsh Water, it has been reported.

The scammers are telling people they have a rat problem in their home and are asking the residents for money to eliminate the problem – which does not exist.

This is a particularly active time of year for rogue traders and scammers.

Residents may also be told that work needs doing to their home or garden, or the caller may pretend to be from the council or other official body.

Spread the word to family and friends – turn away doorstep callers and to hang up the phone if they are made to feel under pressure in any way.

Always remember:

• Be cautious when answering a knock at your door or a telephone call;

• Do not give them any personal information e.g bank details, passwords or PIN numbers;

• Don't reply, download attachments or click on links in suspicious emails;

• If you are concerned, do not let strangers into your house.

Be careful if something:

• Comes out of the blue or from someone you don't know;

• Sounds too good to be true eg you've won the lottery;

• Asks you to pay for something in advance – especially by bank transfer;

• Asks you for personal information such as bank details, computer passwords or PIN numbers.

• Pressures you into buying something or making a decision quickly – a trustworthy company will be happy to wait.

• Asks you to phone an expensive number – these start with 070, 084, 087, 090, 091 or 098.

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Junebug can live with children aged 14 years and over and will need someone around for the most part of the day as she is not used to being left on her own. Multiple visits to the centre will also be needed so that she can get to know her new owners.

Canine carer Lyndsey said: "Junebug was nervous initially, but now she has got to know me, she is loving, affectionate and fun. This sweet girl will be ideal for those with collie knowledge and experience."

For more information on Junebug, search on www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Junebug with Canine Carer Lyndsey.

Valeways group prescribes a sociable, guided walk!

ABOVE: Valeways walkers recently enjoyed a pleasant stroll around Cosmeston Country park.

GPS are going to be encouraged to refer people for activities including dancing, cooking and walking groups.

Instead of prescribing pills and medicine, doctors will be encouraged to use 'social prescribing'. In this way, Prime Minister Theresa May believes there will be reduced demand on the NHS and an improvement in people's quality of life.

The good news is that there is no need to have a prescription from your GP to join the Valeways Living with Cancer Strollers.

If you would like a sociable short stroll in lovely surroundings with an amicable group of people, then just turn up at the Cosmeston Country Park information centre on the first Thursday of every month at 10.30am.

November's walk circumnavigated the perimeter of the park and everyone appreciated the autumn leaves, which were bathed in sunshine.

December's walk will have a Christmas theme and Santa hats are an essential item of clothing, alongside the walking boots of course!

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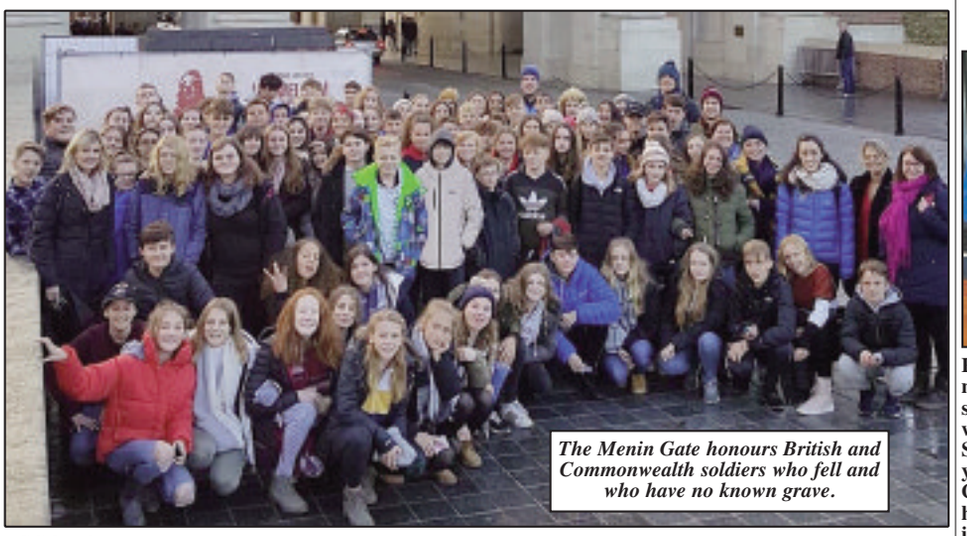
A visit to the Menin Gate for Ysgol Bro Morgannwg pupils



The Menin Gate honours British and Commonwealth soldiers who fell and who have no known grave.

YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg pupils have had a busy half term, with school trips to China, Iceland and to Belgium's battlefields.

The initial trip to Belgium was organised to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One when 90 year-9 pupils visited important historical locations of the Great War.

During the three-day tour, the pupils joined families of the fallen soldiers and took part in the *Last Post* service at the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing in Ypres, Belgium.

Pupils also visited the grave of Ellis Humphrey Evans (Hedd Wyn), the poet from Trawsfynydd who died in the Battle of Passchendaele just months before the announcement that he had won the eisteddfod, and since then, in his honour it is known as 'the black chair'.

The next stop was John McCrae's Memorial, set in the area where the poet had written his famous poem *In Flanders Field*.

The trip concluded with a visit to the Welsh Soldiers' War Memorial located at the site of the Battle of the Somme.

Heledd Lewis, YGBM Welsh teacher explained: "During the first term in year-9, pupils study the Great War in their Welsh, English and history lessons.

"To conclude our term's work with this special trip has given the children a greater perspective of the immensity of this war, especially as some of the pupils had family members who fought in these battles 100 years ago."

Lillian Evans, year-9 pupil, commented: "This was an amazing experience which allowed us to empathise with the young soldiers and the conditions they had to face.

"It gave us an unforgettable understanding of our studies, and made us all realise the massive effect the Great War had on everyone."

This week, year-9 pupils will lead an assembly to remember the soldiers who fought for us and will share their experiences and knowledge with the rest of the school.

AS

Barry Memorial Hall meeting honours inspirational women

RECENTLY, to mark the significance of the work of the Suffragettes, 100 years ago, Women's Connect First honoured inspirational women at Barry Memorial Hall.

Women from Barry and Cardiff were honoured and at the event, Pat Roberts, Sudha Bhat, Vilas Kerrai and Radhika Kadaba shared their perspectives – they are all from diverse backgrounds.

What unites these women is that they have overcome challenges and broken boundaries in their own way.

The keynote speech was given by Vale AM Jane Hutt, who is the Women's Connect First Community Champion. She impressed upon all of us why it's important to be brave and challenge yourself, and how striving to be your best is an ongoing journey.

Hilary Brown's speech was impressive.

The Mums of Wales Tamil Sangam performed an entertaining dance, and thanks go to Amal and her girls who treated everyone with freshly made yum yum snacks.

Report by Kalpana Natarajan

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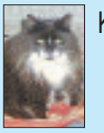

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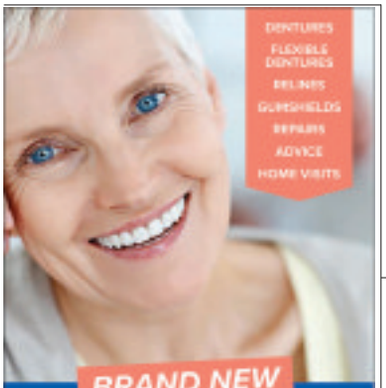

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A FESTIVE LOOK AT

Holton Road, Barry

Holton Road is all set to serve up a Christmas bonanza

RIGHT: There's always a great atmosphere in King Square, Barry, when the Christmas lights are switched on.

A 'CHRISTMAS bonanza' is promised on Holton Road this year, with a visit by Santa Claus and his elves, the Christmas lights switch-on, an outdoor cinema, a festive market, live music, street entertainers and much more

The special Christmas Weekender takes place on Saturday, November 24 from 11am until 6pm, and on Sunday, November 25 from 11am until 4pm.

The Christmas lights will be switched on at 6pm on Saturday evening.

Emma Thorne of Holton Road Traders' Association said there would be something for all the family: "Santa and his elves will be in his grotto on both days. We will have performances on the stage as a countdown to the Christmas lights switch-on on Saturday and there will be street entertainers too.

"Both days will feature a market with crafts, Christmas gifts, and food stalls and some of the food stalls will be from other areas of the UK.

"We hope to have people performing on the stage on Sunday too. There will also be an open-air cinema on Sunday in Central Park showing the Christmas film *Elf* at 4pm."

The Vale Council and Barry Town Council have helped to organise the weekend and the Vale Council has informed people attending the film in Central Park that there will be flooring, outdoor heaters and festive food and drink to keep them warm, but that they should consider bringing blankets. An alternative venue will be found in the event of very bad weather.

Vale Cabinet member, Cllr Jonathan Bird, said: "The council is always looking at ways to support local traders and is organising a series of events in the lead-up to Christmas.

"Hopefully these activities will encourage people to visit Barry town centre, offering them an enjoyable festive experience and boosting local businesses in the process."

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Living la Bella Vita in Holton Road

LA Bella Vita is a great name for a beauty bar – although customers do inevitably call it 'LBV' but either way, this is a Holton Road business that is always busy.

Owner Cerian Bobbett opened just over a year ago and she and her staff are looking forward to Christmas.

Back in January, she had two staff but now that has grown to six, which tells you a lot about how LBV has been received in Barry.

Cerian said: "We have a great deal with Christmas in mind – a £40 hair styling and make up offer."

Cerian and Evie are the salon's hair stylists, and LBV specialises in hair extensions.

For all the latest makeup techniques, Shanice and Simone are on hand to offer their skills, while natalie, an eight-year qualified beautician, is an expert in treatments such as the new microdermabrasion by SkinBase.

La Bella Vita also specialises in NN Aesthetics Medical Cosmetics, offering the company's range of botox and fillers.

Just Fancy can solve your Christmas party problems

ABOVE: Just some of the costumes at Just Fancy in Holton Road.

IT's a busy time at the moment for Just fancy in Holton Road – but that's not unusual.

The fancy dress hire shop caters for all eventualities, but as the school Christmas and Nativity performance season approaches, it all gets hectic.

Add to that the groups putting on pantos, and it means that staff at Just Fancy, which has seven rooms packed with costumes, are constantly on the go.

Owner Jackie told the GEM: "One advantage that we have from holding such a large stock is that when people start to panic as the party season approaches, we cab always solve their problem."

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From nibblers to treatments, the Beauty Rooms has so much to offer

IN Holton Road you will find 'The Beauty Rooms @ The Nibblers' – and there's a good reason for the name adjustment.

They still have those peckish fish that can provide a natural pedicure, but they offer so much more that it's time to get that message across.

The salon's manager, Carys, said: "We've been established for eight years now and offer a full range of beauty treatments, and we also do waxing and a nail service as well."

The Beauty Rooms @ The Nibblers is a stockist of Elemis advanced skin care products, offering treatments and also the product.

Another popular product and treatment in the salon at the moment is Nouveau Lashes, and the salon also offers microblading for eyebrows.

Carys added: "Our Christmas vouchers are always popular at this time of year, and we have regular special offers. Just follow us on Facebook, Instagram or other social media for details."

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At Kerridwen each month, Kathrin gifts a free treatment to someone who deserves it, or she runs a special offer.

The offers are available on Kathrin's Facebook page.

Top treatments at Bodywise

The Christmas decorations have gone up at Bodywise.

BODYWISE beauty salon has been in Holton Road since 1994, and over that time owner Jackie Howells has constantly developed and refined the business.

The salon spreads over two floors, with tranquil areas for treatments such as massage and facials, and a pedicure and manicure area, and a number of individual treatment rooms for essential beauty treatments.

Bodywise offers some specialised treatments such as sports massage, skin tag and red vein removal and also a new addition to the salon is the superb SHR Laser Hair Removal. .

The business is registered with Health Inspectorate Wales to ensure all legislation for Laser treatment is fully covered. The salon is also an O.P.I. nail care and Skinny Tan appointed salon and stocks many products for retail.

She told The GEM: "Recently, we were delighted to receive a five-star rating with the PHorest salon booking system.

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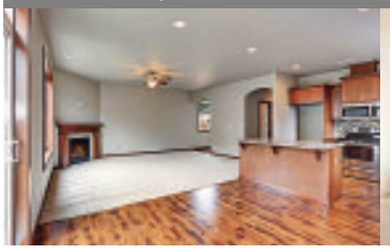

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Spartan Flooring – 'great prices and service'

Gareth and Tom at Spartan Flooring.

IT's fair to say that Spartan Flooring is the newest business in Holton Road, but the two partners in the enterprise bring a wealth of experience to their speciality.

Spartan Flooring has been open two weeks, but Gareth and Tom both used to work in the wholesale sector, and their are bringing their combined knowledge to retailing.

The well-stocked showroom at 250, Holton Road is a good starting point, but they are also happy to make home visits at the customer's convenience.

With their background in wholesale, they know which manufacturers can be relied on for quality, and they know where to get the best prices, so they are sure they will be very competitive.

Tom said: "We will be offering great prices and great service on every type of floor covering from carpets to engineer's wood.

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A FESTIVE LOOK AT Holton Road, Barry

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A FESTIVE LOOK AT

Holton Road, Barry

New pub offers tradition - with a modern twist

The Butterfly Collector is a traditional pub – with a twist.

A business that is new to Holton Road this year is the Butterfly Collector – described by owner Gareth Slattery as Barry's first micropub.

Gareth told the GEM that micropubs were catching on all over the UK.

He said: "Barry has lacked pubs that sell a vast array of real ales. Real ale has progressed massively over the last 10 years, and flavours range from traditional, on to a huge variety including coffee and grapefruit."

A similar revolution has take place in the making of ciders, and The Butterfly Collector stocks 20 different varieties at any one time – with flavours ranging from elderflower to gin and tonic and on to rhubarb.

When it comes to real ales, eight different casks are available for sampling, and they are changed regularly. It's unlikely that you will be offered the same beer twice at The Butterfly Collector.

Many more craft beers are available on draft and in bottles, and you can also try wines and artisan Welsh spirits.

Gareth says the pub promotes conversation – the aim is to be a traditional pub with a modern format.

Opening hours are 11am to 11pm, seven days a week, and he is thrilled that he has already been given CAMRA accreditation – there are only five others in the Vale and Bridgend.

Gareth added: "I don't mind harking back to times gone by. The Butterfly Collector is a good pub, with good beer and good people – and plenty of variety.

"Since we opened, we have had amazing support from people in Barry, and for that we are extremely grateful."

Frangoulis: a shoe repairer's with sole

AS the oldest established family owned shoe repair business in Barry, Frangoulis has seen a lot of changes.

George Frangoulis opened the shop in 1950 and soon had a reputation of taking on the most challenging shoe repairs, and made to measure the very best in hand-made shoes.

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Cod, chips, and mushy peas, and the true spirit of Christmas

A BARRY ISLAND fish and chip shop has 'seized the public's imagination' by deciding to open on Christmas Day to make it a special time for people who are alone or in need.

The staff of O'Shea's are looking forward to a busy Christmas Day.

Alice Harding, the manager of O'Shea's Fish and Chip Shop, came up with the idea – aware that while most people have a happy family time, there are those 'less fortunate'.

She says she has been overwhelmed by the 'positive response' of the public: "The idea is to open on Christmas Day from 12 noon until 3pm for people who may be alone. They may have lost a husband or wife; they could be a young person in a hostel, an elderly person or someone with mental health issues.

"We'll be serving up a free meal and mince pies and hopefully make them feel loved and bring a smile to their face.

"I've been overwhelmed by the response. Since we came up with the idea my phone hasn't stopped ringing."

People have volunteered to man the shop and make mince pies and hot drinks. O'Shea's is also organising special local deliveries for people who cannot get down to the Island and people are volunteering to run the delivery service too. The shop has printed 2,000 flyers to publicise its Christmas invitation.

Alice said she owed a 'debt of thanks' to local woman Zoe Belle for helping in organising things.

Alice also wants GEM readers to have a think about whether there is someone they would like to nominate either to go to the Island or to have a delivery.

She said: "Everybody involved in this is important, including the people who nominate someone. To nominate a person they can contact me, O'Shea's, on Facebook, or 07703 797983."

Barry Men's Forum has talk on choirs

AT Last week's meeting our guest speaker was Dean Powell, who was a journalist and now spends his free time delving into local history, and is also an active member of the Treorchy Male Voice Choir.

He brought along many graphics illustrating his talk which not only referred to the Treorchy choir but also such similar such choirs as the Pendyrus and Morriston.

These choirs almost certainly date back to 1890s when the valley communities were burgeoning due to the new-found wealth of coal.

Besides new towns being created in the valleys and many collieries the communities needed houses, roads, shops, schools and places of worship to name but a few of the requisites.

Many communities' places of worship did not have organs or pianos to accompany worship and there started to appear numerous choirs with employees from the collieries as choristers.

These choirs firstly began in the local public houses as befits their thirsty work. Many of the choirs had musical directors who had no training musically but their achievements were monumental; awards were won at eisteddfods and inter-valley competitions.

Queen Victoria commanded that the Treorchy choir perform in her presence, such was the royal command they were invited to return, requests from other events followed not only in the UK but worldwide as far as the USA and Australia.

In recent years membership of the Welsh choirs has fallen dramatically, whether it be from the ageing process or not being able to be committed to attend rehearsals or concerts.

One such choir, namely the Barry Male Voice, is bucking this trend having recently launched a recruitment campaign and new membership has been very successful.

Further information regarding Barry Men's Forum may be obtained from Mac Tanner on 01446 743455, new members are always welcome.

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Age Connects Christmas fair

AGE Connects will hold its Christmas fair at Barry Art Gallery (Barry Library) on Tuesday, November 27.

It will be opened by Cllr Leighton Rowlands, Vale Mayor at 10am. Admission is free for a wide range of attractive stalls with bargains for all. Stalls include cakes, tombola, crafts and refreshments plus a Grand Prize Draw. All proceeds of the fair go to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop.

Coffee morning commemorates end of World War One

LLANDOUGH Community Council hold a free coffee morning and odd sock reunion on Saturday, November 24 from 10am to 1pm in the Llandough War Memorial Hall.

The event is designed to commemorate the 100th year anniversary of the end of the First World War and during the morning Father Mark Jones from St Dochdwy's Church will lead those present in helping us all remember the contribution made by armed forces in protecting our country during the war.

The council has been awarded a grant by the There But Not There and Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, which has been used to purchase silhouettes which are on display throughout the community.

They are designed to help us all remember the lives lost by people in support of their country during a very difficult period in the history of our nation.

The event is open to anyone who wishes to take part in this local remembrance event and people are invited to bring along with them as many odd socks as they have.

During the morning we will invite those present to take with them matched up pairs of socks and make a donation in aid of Help for Heroes.

We look forward to welcoming a large audience to this event from those living in Llandough and from elsewhere in the neighbouring areas.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

News and views from Nancy Davidge, Tynewydd, Llangan. 01656 860303.

Reminder: Saron Chapel Treoes

A TABLE top sale will take place in the Treoes community hall on Sunday, December 2 between 10am and 12.30pm.

There will be a variety of books, cakes, toys and lots more. The proceeds will benefit Saron Chapel.

St Mary Hill beacon

THE beacon on St Mary Hill commemorating the ending of the 1914 – 1918 war would have been seen for many miles. I hope it gave time to reflect on the lives lost in the four year conflict. Thank you, to Mary Lloyd and her family.

The local man who made the world a better place for man's best friend

TRIBUTES have been paid to Dogs Trust CEO Adrian Burder who died unexpectedly following a short illness.

Mr Burder (53), who lived in Cowbridge, was described by staff at the charity described him as an "inspirational leader" and "a humorous, kind man with a quick wit and a dry sense of humour".

Jim Monteith, Dogs Trust acting CEO, said: "Adrian was one of a kind – his passion for animal welfare changed the lives of millions of dogs in the 24 years he was at Dogs Trust.

"He will be terribly missed by staff, trustees and volunteers past and present, and we are so grateful for his immeasurable contribution to making the world a better place for man's best friend.

"We are all still letting this tragic news sink in.

"Adrian has been an integral part of our charity for so many years, as a hugely successful fundraiser and then as CEO since 2014. Adrian is Dogs Trust and we will continue our work in his memory."

Suzie Carley, executive director, Dogs Trust Ireland, said Mr Burder was passionate about improving the lives of dogs: "Adrian didn't just drive Dogs Trust, it drove him.

"He was thankful every single day for the opportunity to lead an organisation that he cared so deeply about.

"His love of dogs and his passion for improving their lives throughout the world is testament to the incredible legacy he has left behind."

Before starting at the National Canine Defence League (the precursor to Dogs Trust) in 1994, Mr Burder had worked in marketing for the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection.

Adrian Burder from Cowbridge had a passion for animal welfare and changed the lives of millions of dogs for the better.

But it was at Dogs Trust that he made his greatest impact, starting out as the charity's first fundraiser and eventually becoming chief executive in 2014.

On becoming CEO, he commented: "I'm obsessive about the charity. Having the chance to lead an organisation you love is a great honour."

Under his guidance, Dogs Trust's income rose from £3 million in 2004 to £104 million in the year 2016 to 2017.

It meant more rehoming centres and many more dogs cared for.

In 1994 there were nine rehoming centres – now Dogs Trust has 21 centres. Last year staff cared for 15,446 stray, abandoned and relinquished dogs.

At Mr Burder's insistence, every element of the design at the rehoming centres, was directed to give dogs the maximum welfare and comfort.

He reinvigorated the charity's dog sponsorship programme which meant that dogs unsuitable for rehoming could be looked after for the rest of their lives at Dogs Trust centres.

In recent years, he played a pivotal role in the government's decision to make microchipping compulsory for all dogs in the UK.

In recent years, he chose to spend any holiday time in south Wales, taking his own rescue dogs Ruby and Skipper on long coastal walks.

He was a keen rugby fan and had regular email discussions with colleagues on Wales' progress in the Six Nations Championship.

Mr Burder was keen to do more in Wales and was thrilled when Cardiff Council granted planning permission for a new dog rehoming centre to be built in the Splott area of Cardiff.

The new centre is due to open in 2020.

Mr Burder's funeral will take place at 12 noon on Friday, November 30 at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge.

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Rugby legend Campo loses bet against local man

EVEREST-BOUND former rugby player Paul Watkins managed to win a bet with Australian legend David Campese on Saturday at the Wales versus Australia clash.

Mr Watkins, who lives in Rhoose, is off to Everest next year to raise funds for the children's charity Wooden Spoon.

He told The GEM: "On Saturday I had the honour of being included at the president's suite in the stadium.

"I was in the company of the great David Campese who is a great guy who took time to ask me in depth about the challenge. He is very proactive in children's charities.

"At half-time I issued him with a challenge. I said: 'If we win, you have to wear my Wooden Spoon bobble hat.' Fair play to him, he is a man of his word."

Mr Watkins also had time to chat with Mr Campese about his views on the modern game."He was a very knowledgeable and mentioned that he hates the fact the game is so structured now."

TC

Penarth's Remembrance began by remembering the town's VCs

PICTURES BY GLYN EVANS

NOVEMBER'S Armistice centenary commemorations saw thousands across town come together to remember the momentous ceasefire in the Great War.

To mark the occasion, Penarth's communities had collaborated to remember the sacrifices made during World War One, the efforts of and effects on survivors, and the social changes that followed.

On November 9, Penarth Town Council planted a commemorative oak at Cliff Walk on behalf of the town. In a service presided over by Rev Peter Cox, the Town Mayor Cllr Jon Luxton dedicated the tree, donated by Roger Mundy in memory of his late father Flying Officer AL (Les) Mundy.

Flying Officer Mundy was initially Adjutant latterly Commanding Officer of No 2071 Squadron (Stamford Town) Air Training Corps from July 15, 1943 until his untimely death at 42 years of age on January 21, 1949.

Following his death his ashes were brought from Nottingham, where he died, and scattered in the churchyard of St Augustine's Church, Penarth.

At the Garden of Remembrance a large service took place to dedicate two new memorial stones to Penarth's Victoria Cross recipients, Capt Richard Wain and Sgt Samuel Pearse.

Secured with the help of Dr Jonathan Hicks, the stones were dedicated in the presence of the families of both soldiers.

Along with many hundreds of members of the public, guests included representatives of the Australian Government, LCDR Brad Rhodes; the Royal Tank Regiment, Colonel Commandant RTR, Maj General John Patterson CB and officers from the Regiment from Tidworth; the Royal Fusiliers, Major Mick McCarthy and Colonel Nick Beswick; staff and pupils from Llandaff Cathedral School, the Lord Lieutenant and Chris Coode and Robin Mellor of the Great War Society, who stood watch over the stones in period uniform.

As part of the service by Rev Cox, Penarth Civic Society planted a rowan tree which was dedicated by Vaughan Gething AM. Victoria Primary School contributed a display of hand painted memorial stones.

Philip Morris of the Royal British legion performed *Last Post* and *the Rouse* and Richard James and Matthew Salisbury of the Legion led tributes, along with the Town Mayor and Dr Hicks.

Following the service, Penarth Town Council held the Penarth Remembers memorial event at the Paget Rooms.

This was attended by over a thousand visitors, where along with hearing the stories of Capt Wain and Sgt Pearse was an opportunity to see numerous projects developed by community groups and schools, memorabilia, history displays, music and film.

Dozens of community groups and individuals exhibited displays, with hundreds of children representing all schools in Penarth and helping to pass on the lessons of the Great War and its after-effects.

Guests were moved by the performances of musicians from St Cyres School and a choir led by Rosemary Cook.

On Saturday, St Augustine's Church held an Open Church Extra which allowed visitors to learn more on the Roll of Honour memorial.

At All Saints' Church, an open day showcased the 32 young men from the parish who perished in the War.

November 11 saw Penarth's largest Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day Parade in many years.

Thousands joined the parade through the town, before pausing for the wreath-laying and two minute silence at the Garden of Remembrance. The parade, organised by the Royal British Legion, continued to St Augustine's Church where a full congregation observed the Remembrance service, led by Rev Mark Jones.

Following the service, the parade continued to Penarth's Ex Servicemen's Club.

At Stanwell School, Stanwell Remembers honoured the sacrifices made. On November 8, a pop-up museum was visited by many and included tributes from current students and those from local primary schools. In addition, the performing arts students brought some of the stories of these men to life through drama, music and dance.

Remembrance events were also observed at Penarth Yacht Club and local business Glass By Design organised a town window display based on the 32 Penarth lives that were lost during the war. Wireart poppies are still in place in shop windows of independent retailers, with information on each of the men who died, the Roll of Honour.

Events continue on Thursday, November 15 with *No Petticoats Here* at Penarth Ex Servicemen's Club, exploring the lives of inspirational First World War women through original songs and storytelling.

Penarth Town Council wishes to thank all participants and attendees of events. The commemorations brought the town together and will live long in the memory of very many people.

The Roll of Honour pays tribute to Arthur and William Monroe, Arthur Tudor Thomas, Beresford Vyvyan, Bertram Spence, Charles Herbert Stanley Wakeford, Francis Reginald Steele Wakeford, Charles Matthews, Charles Wilfred Tucker, Clive SJ Yule, Douglas Pettigrew, Leonard and Arthur Tregaskis, Ernest Rees, Arthur Trevor Jones, Frederick Wall, Garnet Hammond, William Hugh Thomas, George Johnston, Henry L Hall, Humphrey Wynne-Williams, Kenneth Window, William Henry Thomas, Nowell Edwin Cooper, Ralph L James, Reginald P Thomas, Thomas Henry Cox, Thomas Le Breton Roscoe, William Ernst and William Hale.

These events form part of Wales Remembers, 1914-1918 – the national commemorative project.

Nicholas McDonald

VISIT COWBRIDGE THIS CHRISTMAS
A Magical Festive Experience

Wales and British Lions legend Gareth Thomas set to switch on Cowbridge's Christmas lights

CHRISTMAS is coming, the geese (and turkeys, ducks, and sundry other fowl and game birds) are getting fat. The nip in the air and frost of a couple of weeks ago will surely soon return.

Mince pies are now firmly on the menu, as well as this year's must-have (or rather, must-eat) item pigs *under* blankets.

The lights are up, shop windows and halls are decked with boughs of holly.

Couples up and down the land are looking forward to parents and in-laws arriving for an extended break, and are already watching *The Great Escape* not for enjoyment, but as a how-to guide...

It really is beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Almost anything one could want for friends and loved ones, or family, for Christmas, from food to footwear, from drinks to jewellery, to clothing and cards, and toys to tinsel can be found in Cowbridge.

And in Cowbridge, Christmas begins the Sunday before Advent with the now traditional Reindeer Parade and switching on of the illuminations on Sunday, November 25.

A firmly-established family favourite, this year's Reindeer Parade – it begins at 12 noon – is going to bigger and better than previous years, said organiser Alun John.

"I know we say it each year, but this really is going to be the best Reindeer Parade yet," said Alun.

"The thing is," he continued, "there are so many exciting things happening that I don't want to spoil the surprise by telling all The GEM's readers too much!"

There will be entertainment laid on by the Llantwit and Cowbridge Lions for the youngsters, and Santa's grotto will be in the car park of Arthur John.

Anyone who has visited Cowbridge in recent weeks cannot have failed to notice the festive lighting that crosses the road.

"This was introduced last year and is the result of hard graft, determination and an extra fundraising drive by the Chamber of Trade," said Alun.

"It proved popular last year, and that shows that it's worth the extra effort made for the town, for the residents, for the visitors and for the traders," he said.

"It's our, the traders and the Chamber of Trade's, way of giving a little back to the people that supports us."

In addition to the parade, there will, of course, be carol singing, and a celeb or two (did we say rugby star and former Wales' captain Gareth "Alfie" Thomas will be switching on the lights, as well as television presenters Lucy and Rhodri Owen, and TV weathergirl Ruth Wignall).

The countdown for the switch-on to brightly bathe the town in Christmas cheer and the rosy glow of amity begins at 4.45pm.

Long-range weather forecasting is an arcane art rather than a science, but GEM staff have been gazing into their crystal balls, and with the certainty of Michael Fish on October 15, 1987, we can positively, definitely, and without fear of contradiction that it will be a crisp, clear day.

Maybe.

Perhaps we should ask Ruth for a forecast?

"But do wrap up warm, and bring a brolly, just in case," advises Alun, adding "there will be plenty of things to do and eat to keep you warm if the temperature drops a bit."

Alun gave his heartfelt thanks to all who have helped so far.

"We are extremely grateful to all the organisations and individuals who are helping support the event this year. If anyone would like to make a donation to help support the event, there is still time, so please contact me on 01446 772229 or Kate on 01446 772255."

Read on for a rundown of some of Cowbridge's premier businesses that are ready and waiting to help you start your Christmas in a very merry and truly festive way.

And yes, how kind; I *will* have a mince pie and a schooner of sherry, thank you.

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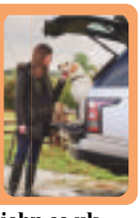

Children's event after reindeer parade

AS last year, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions are arranging entertainment for young children in the Lesser Hall of Cowbridge Town Hall on the afternoon of reindeer parade day (Sunday, November 25).

The Lions' Christmas Bazaar will run from 1.30pm in the Lesser Hall and will be free of charge to young children up to the age of eight accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. No ticket will be required.

A variety of entertainment will be on offer including 'The Magnificent Johno', Christmas-themed craft activities and games provided by Cylch Meithrin Y Bont Faen nursery and a tombola.

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It's all systems go at 'stationery heaven' on Cowbridge High Street

IF you are looking for Christmas ideas for children, there are two shops in Cowbridge that you must visit: The Pencil Case on Eastgate and The Toy Box on Willow Walk.

Owner Sally Stephenson told us "We have some fabulous gift ideas and stocking fillers for children of all ages in both shops, with new products arriving every week.

"Older children (and adults.) love the brightly coloured stationery at The Pencil Case - pens and pencils, notebooks, diaries, writing sets, collectible Iwako erasers, pocket money stationery and the very popular range of Top Model colouring and sticker books. The Pencil Case is regularly described as 'stationery heaven'.

"For younger children, our toy shop - The Toy Box on Willow Walk - is bursting with toys and games suitable from birth to pre-teens.

"We have a fabulous range of quality toys including Big Jigs wooden toys and train sets, Orchard Toys games, Le Toy Van dolls houses, Ty Beanie Boo soft toys, musical instruments, family board games and lots of stocking fillers, to name just a few.

"As Christmas is only six weeks away, we are running a "Countdown to Christmas" promotion - 10 per cent off one selected range every week.

"This week it's 10 per cent off the Le Toy Van dolls houses and accessories range. Pop in each week or check our Facebook page to see which range is on offer next."

The Pencil Case also has a stunning selection of greetings and Christmas cards in Welsh and English and a wide range of helium balloons.

And, if you just can't decide what to buy, why not pick up a gift voucher - they are redeemable in either shop.

Both the Pencil Case and The Toy Box will be open for the Reindeer Parade on Sunday, November 25- take the children for a free balloon and a treat.

The Pencil Case is at 50 Eastgate and The Toy Box is on Willow Walk, next to Fablas ice cream parlour, The Yard pizza restaurant and Kingfisher Gallery.

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LEFT: Santa Claus makes his way down High Street at last year's Reindeer Parade - keep reading The GEM and visit our website - glamorgan-gem.co.uk - for full coverage of this year's parade and the Christmas lights switch-on.

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News from the Fonmon Apiary

WINTER must eventually set in, and the bees are well aware of this.

They have adjusted to the shorter daylight periods and disposed of all of the drones (male bees).

However, the very mild conditions are allowing foraging to continue and queens are still laying – colony numbers should be reducing!

If mild weather does continue, will I see colony expansion and even preparations for swarming? Not a far-fetched theory I might add, the climate is changing. The bees will adjust, and so must the beekeeper.

This is all very confusing to those new to beekeeping when all the literature is telling them that the bees will shut down (not hibernate) and they can be left to get on with it until spring of next year. That has been the norm until now.

As you will be aware from previous articles, the Varroa mite gets serious attention from me and, yes, I am still counting them.

Consider the numbers present in my Number 7 colony: 3,023 – and this is just from an 11-day period. This converts to approximately 200 mites dying every day without any introduced control measures.

Such a large number does mean that there is a large amount of brood (larvae) present in the colony and this presence gives the Varroa the opportunity to enter a cell prior to it being sealed.

Once the cell is sealed and the larvae commences its metamorphosis cycle, the invading Varroa (adult female primed to produce) does just that.

One Varroa goes in and eventually as the new bees emerge, at least five mites emerge with it.

Lots of mites equates to lots of brood to breed on.

After some 20 years-plus we are still not able to eradicate this serious invader. Whatever we come up with as a control measure, the mites come up with their own antidote.

There are still those who are convinced that they have no Varroa – you do!

Harold Williams

Is my parking fine? Not for some in the Vale...

THE streets where people are most likely to get a parking fine in the Vale have been revealed.

Windsor Road in Penarth has seen the most penalty charge notices so far this year with 359 from the start of April to October 25.

Holton Road in Barry had a total of 261 fines in that time, while Glebe Street in Penarth had 180.

During the whole of 2017/18, Windsor Road had 771 fines, Holton Road had 540 and Glebe Street had 289.

The number of parking tickets in Holton Road in 2017/18 had fallen dramatically from the 1,308 issued there a year earlier.

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson said: "Is this because there are fewer drivers ignoring the rules when parking, or have the officers made fewer visits to Barry town centre than in previous years, and so are booking fewer people?

"We need to see the number of visits that the enforcement officers are making, so we can judge whether fewer people are breaking the rules, or just that officers just aren't there to book them.

"If there are genuinely fewer traffic problems on Holton Road, then that calls into question the need for car parking charges in the centre of Barry."

The top three streets in the Vale in recent years for parking tickets are:

2013/14, Holton Road, Barry – 1,295; Paget Road, Barry – 579; Rivermouth Car Park, Ogmore by Sea – 437.

2014/15, Holton Road, Barry – 1,066; Windsor Road, Penarth – 636; High Street, Cowbridge – 462.

2015/16, Holton Road, Barry – 875; Windsor Road, Penarth – 489; Paget Road, Barry – 419.

2016/17, Holton Road, Barry- 1,308; Windsor Road, Penarth – 706; Paget Road, Barry – 489.

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Since April 2013, the Vale Council and Bridgend County Borough Council have enforced parking regulations under a shared service.

In the Vale, there are currently five civil enforcement officers based at the Alps Depot in Wenvoe. A council report said that no targets are set and fines are only issued "if they believe a contravention has occurred".

The Civil Parking Enforcement Service is supposed to be "self-financing," but in 2017/18 it had a deficit of £19,500 – after three consecutive years of marking a surplus.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "The role of civil enforcement officers is to identify illegal and irresponsible parking in an effort to keep roads clear and safe.

"Maintaining traffic flow is particularly important in town centres where poor parking can cause obstruction and congestion. In most instances, before issuing a ticket, officers will attempt to explain why an individual should not be parked illegally."

Matt Discombe, local democracy reporter

Model soldiers take stock of Boys Village war memorial

THE article in last week's GEM about St Athan Boys Village in West Aberthaw prompted reader Mark Snowden to submit this photograph and comment: "A few years ago a group of friends modelled for me in front of Boys' Village memorial.

"It seems poignant to show this photo at the time of the World War One centenary.

"It honours those young lads that died so young from our area and the girlfriends, wives and families they left behind."

Celebrating student success at college

The glittering awards event gala.

CARDIFF and Vale College has celebrated the hard work of its students with an awards evening.

The standard of winners was so high that the overall Principal's Award had to be given to two students: Bethan Hearne and Tom Lewis.

Miss Hearne studied A Levels at the college and won the General Education Award. Bethan was one of the College's highest A Level achievers in 2017-18, attaining A* grades in Psychology and Biology and As in Maths and Welsh Baccalaureate. Bethan is now studying Psychology at Oxford University.

Miss Hearne, from Penarth, said: "I wasn't expecting this at all. College helps you become so much more independent and it helped me to believe in myself, so if that's what people need they should definitely come to college."

The other winner was Tom from Maesteg, an Electrical Installation Apprentice with Blues Electrical who won the Engineering Award.

One of the top three electrical apprentices in the country, Mr Lewis came third in the Sparks UK Electrical Apprentice contest in 2017. Supported by his employer Blues Electrical and his CAVC Lecturer Geoff Shaw, Mr Lewis was also selected for Team UK at EuroSkills in Budapest where he competed against some of the best apprentices and trainees in Europe.

The Construction Award was won by Nia Jones, from Bridgend and a Level 3 Construction and the Built Environment student, demonstrated initiative and focus on her future career. **AS**

The local Scout post is now 'up and running'

ONE of the major fundraising efforts for local Girlguiding is the Scout Christmas post and in Llandough funds go towards supporting the local Scout and Guide hall.

People can send their local Christmas cards for 30p.

The last day of posting is Monday, December 3. Organisers request that people write the full address and post code clearly.

The stamps can be obtained from the following places in Llandough and Cogan: WJ Horne & Son Ltd, 52, Pill Street, Cogan; The Merrie Harrier, 15 Spencer Drive, Llandough; and 12 Downfield Close, Llandough.

More information on the Scout post in the Vale and Cardiff is available at: www.cardiffandvalescouts.org.uk/scoutpost. **TC**

Remembrance at Lavernock

THE little former church of St Lawrence at Lavernock hosted a poignant hour of Remembrance last Sunday.

Blood-red flower arrangements, crosses and poppies decorated the interior and the congregation sang evocative hymns.

There were scripture and poetry readings, some words of reflection, and acts of remembrance, penitence and commitment to peace. Moments of stillness and quiet punctuated the service as all reflected and remembered.

Over tea and coffee afterwards, there was good fellowship among the members of the congregation.

Thanks to all who took part; the working party who put the fine decorations in place and to florist Julian for his meaningful arrangements.

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ValePlus presentation

VALEPLUS, the local charity that provides lifelong learning and leisure opportunities for people with a learning disability, is holding a certificate presentation and Christmas Fair on Friday, November 30 from 1.30pm until 3pm at its centre in High Street, Barry.

All are welcome to attend and tickets (£2.50) are available from ValePlus on 01446 746691.

Christmas concert in Barry

BARRY Community Choir invites you to start off the Christmas celebrations with 'A Very Merry Christmas Concert'.

We will hold our Christmas concert in Crossway Church, Barry on Sunday, December 9 at 3pm. Tickets are available now through the website, Facebook page, from choir members and on the door for £7 (no charge for children 16 and under); you will be entered into a prize draw for a Christmas hamper and also be welcome to sample a delicious array of festive 'nibbles' after the concert.

There will also be a Grand Raffle in the interval. So come in from the cold and sample the warm delights of our festive offering – and you can join in too. **AS**

Students' art work gets the 'thumbs-up'

From left: Phoebe Pudge, Eve Hammond and Holly Rogers.

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School's arts pupils' annual exhibition of work was held recently at the Old Hall Community Centre, with the support of the Vale Council.

Members of the public, tutors and staff from the Old Hall Adult Education commented on the standard of the work displayed.

As usual, The Cowbridge Arts Group kindly judged the pupils' work and awarded the winners certificates and cheques, which were presented later in the art department.

The finalists were as follows:

First prize: Phoebe Pudge (Application BSc Games Programming). Second prize: Eve Hammond (Application BA Art and Psychology). Third prize: Holly Rogers (Application BA Photography).

Clare Parry, head of art at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, is once again 'thrilled' with the links forged between the school, Cowbridge Arts group, Old Hall Adult Education and the Community as it gives students an opportunity to exhibit their work outside school. Well done to all.

Ciela Lewis

Out & About with The GEM

McQueen's Widows are impressive, if flawed...

STEVE MCQUEEN'S star has risen considerably in the last decade. The Turner Prize winner's debut feature *Hunger* was a coruscating piece of filmmaking, and from there he has made *Shame*, and the Oscar-winning *12 Years A Slave*.

Not known for stories with too much light, his latest film, *Widows* (based on the Lynda La Plante mini-series from the early 1980s), tells the story of Veronica (Viola Davis), whose husband Harry (Liam Neeson) is a robbery expert. When Harry and his crew are ambushed and killed, and their van containing $2 million blows up, Veronica finds herself in debt to the man whose money they had – local criminal kingpin Jamal Manning (Brian Tyree Henry).

When she uncovers one of Harry's plans to steal $5 million, she calls upon the widows of his crew (Elizabeth Debicki and Michelle Rodriguez) to help her carry out the robbery, and hopefully stop Manning and his quick-tempered brother Jatemme (Daniel Kaluuya) from coming after them...

From the opening sequence, where we cut between the nitty-gritty of a robbery getaway in the back of a van to serene moments shared between Veronica and Harry, you realise *Widows* is going to be a little more smarter and stylish than your average crime thriller.

So it proves, a film where an incredible cast and superb direction overcome a narrative that feels a little familiar and worn to make for an impressive, if flawed, piece of work.

For a director who is so comfortable balancing style with substance, Steve McQueen does an excellent job here. He brings a level of beauty and intimacy to the story and the characters, the film looking gorgeous.

He shows he can ramp up the tension with several scenes perfectly bubbling to the surface, while the heist sequences are shot with real care and are cleverly and well-orchestrated.

But, importantly, he doesn't lose sight of the

by GARETH JAMIESON
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characters themselves. This is a film that is, first and foremost, about the people involved. What he and co-writer Gillian Flynn (author of *Gone Girl*) are smart enough to do is root the story in the characters, but refuse to paint them as archetypes.

Each character has their motivations and reasons for their behaviour, but there are always more layers to unravel and that, allied to an impeccable cast, means that you are prepared to overlook the plot's rather predictable nature as you find yourself caught up in those on the screen.

Viola Davis plays hard and cold to perfection, but here she shows cracks, the impact of events in her life coming up for air while trying to hold it together to stave off the Manning brothers, while Elizabeth Debicki is superb as the woman who, post-robbery, has nowhere to turn and sees her involvement in the robbery as the opportunity to assert the independence she never knew she had.

Michelle Rodriguez gets a rare opportunity outside of the blockbuster world and shows how good she can be, while Cynthia Erovo (the Broadway star in only her second big screen outing) impacts with a small but strong role.

There's plenty to chew on in terms of sub-plots as well. Colin Farrell and Robert Duvall's father-son clash sparks, as the latter aims to get the former to succeed him as Alderman of the 18th District of Chicago, while Brian Tyree Henry's Jamal Manning, a criminal determined to straighten up in order to survive who goes up against Farrell, engages – all the performances (including Daniel Kaluuya's chilling turn) delivering.

The only drawback of the film is the plotting, which sometimes feels a little too austere and cold, especially when the plight of the titular widows is so great. You find yourself engrossed in the characters, but it's due more to the performances than the way they are written.

That foible aside, this is still a superb film, one that will most certainly keep you captivated by the strong performances and excellent direction – with *Widows*, Steve McQueen has made another tremendous film.

VERDICT: It's a Steve McQueen genre film, his broadest yet, and while *Widows* may lack a little spark in the plotting department, it's more than made up for in terms of the tremendous performances from a stellar cast and some wonderful directorial touches. Impressive, if a touch flawed, this is still a compelling effort. *Recommended*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Set It Off* (1996), *Shame* (2011).

Young Farmers' eisteddfod – live from The Memo

ON Saturday, November 17 the 2018 Young Farmers' eisteddfod takes place, and S4C will be broadcasting the event live from the Memo Arts Centre, Barry.

From 7.15am until the competing ends, Anni Llŷn, Lisa Angharad and Ifan Jones Evans will bring the event to S4C viewers: the competing and the goings-on behind the scenes.

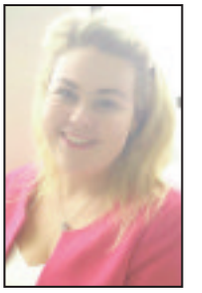
This is the first time the Glamorgan Young Farmers' Federation has hosted the eisteddfod, and one of the local organisers, Elen Williams, who is also Chairman of the Wales YFC Competitions Committee, thinks it's important for the event to travel to new places.

She said: "It's a privilege for us as a county to host the eisteddfod. People speak Welsh, but maybe not as a first language, so we've tried to get all the members on board."

The Young Farmers' eisteddfod is the only bilingual eisteddfod of its kind in Wales, but for the first time this year there will also be a competition for those who are learning Welsh. Elen said it was important for younger members in the county to see the language being used.

She added: "It's important that we promote the language and try to get more members to do things through the medium of Welsh, and that's what we're trying to do with the new competition."

The highlights of the event will be broadcast before the end of the year.



Elen Williams, from Glamorgan Young Farmers' Federation.

Male Voice Choir concert

A CONCERT by Monmouth Male Voice Choir and featuring Deborah Morgan Lewis takes place at St Peter's Church, Dinas Powys, on Saturday, December 1 at 7pm.

Tickets (£6) are available from Parkman Funeral Home on 02922 362101 and Dinas Powys Community Centre.

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What's on, and where in your area?

Art and Craft

LLANTWIT MAJOR Art and Craft Group will be meeting on Friday, November 16 at Llantonian Hall at 7.30pm.

It will be a practical night when members bring projects they are currently working on and share knowledge and inspiration. Guests are very welcome to join the group.

Autumn Lunches

ALL Saints' Church Barry are hosting their popular autumn lunches on November 15, 22 and 29 and December 6, in the church hall in aid of the Roof Restoration Project.

Commencing at 12pm lunch will include a selection of artisan breads and soup, fruit crumble and the usual free raffle. Entrance is £5 payable on the door.

Ward surgery

COUNCILLORS Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands will be holding thier regular advice surgery on Saturday, November 17 at 10.30am to11.30am at St Davids Methodist Church, Winston Road, Barry. No appointment needed.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, November 17 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issues to raise are welcome to attend.

Councillors' surgery

THE Labour councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards, will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery on Saturday, November 17 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, Kings Square, Barry from 10am until 11am; no appointment is necessary.

Christmas craft fair

AT Bethel Baptist Church on Harbour Road, Barry on Saturday, November 18 a craft fair will take place between 10am and 2pm.

Admission free; handmade crafts, gifts, cake stall, jams, chutneys and much more!

Crafts and face painting for the little ones while you shop, and refreshments will include breakfast bacon butties 'til 11.30am and homemade soup and rolls from 12pm.

Family History talk

THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society is on Monday, November 19 at the Len Evans Centre, off Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig (CF32 9RW).

The speaker will be Mr Paul Frame on The Life of Dr Richard Price of Tyn Ton, Llangeinor; the Friend of the American Founding Fathers. Doors open 7pm talk starts 7.30pm. Refreshments available.

Diabetes event

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group are holding a talk on Tuesday, November 20 at the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth from 7.30pm-9pm when the speaker will be Dr Lindsay George, consultant physician in diabetes and endocrinology and specialist diabetes nurses, providing a questions and answers session. All welcome.

National Trust Members

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, November 21 in the Baronial Hall of the Duke of Wellington.

The talk, 'Some Writers' Houses' will be given by Deborah Fisher of the Cowbridge History Society. She is co-founder and secretary of the Siegfried Sassoon Society and closely involved with other literary societies.

Parkinson's cafe

AT the November meeting of the Parkinson's drop-in cafe, there will be an opportunity to put questions to a Parkinson's specialist nurse.

It will be held on Wednesday, November 21 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in Llantonian Hall. Why not join us for a cuppa?

For more information about the drop-in cafe, call Martin Simmonds on 01446 796310.

Croeso Llantwit's Book Fest

COME along to Bethel Baptist Hall on Saturday, November 24 and bring your no-longer-needed books, and if possible, a scarf to swap.

Browse through the great range of books, enjoy a cuppa, and indulge in some chocolate or home-baked goodies. It is open from 11am-3pm, and donations accepted from 9am. Nothing is priced, but donations for Croeso Llantwit are welcomed.

Croeso is working towards making a difference to a family who have found themselves refugees as a result of the war in Syria.

Under the Government Resettlement Scheme, we will provide everything that is needed to enable them to settle and become part of Llantwit's lovely community.

For more information, see Facebook, croesollantwit.blogspot.com or to get involved, call 07513 269742 or email croesollantwit@gmail.com.

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The Women's Fellowship group learned about an African charity at their recent meeting.

Women's Fellowship group learns all about 'House of Joy'

THE Cowbridge and Llanblethian Women's Fellowship first heard about the south Wales Christian charity, the House of Joy, three years ago.

This month, Linda Richley came along to give an update on developments since then in Kasala, Uganda.

The group learned that Kasala is still an area of extreme poverty, with limited access to education, clean water, food, health provision and employment.

Linda explained that the charity is trying to address these issues through a programme of: education in their school buildings; caring for 'at risk' children; farming; the provision of clean water; employing and buying local to support their economy and pastoral care.

Linda used slides to illustrate her talk and the members were able to see the clean running water facilities, the extra school buildings and the residential dormitories that have been built by the charity over the past three years.

Since the school started in 2005, pupil numbers have risen from 56 to 400 local children. The school provides full nursery and primary provision and the charity is hoping to be able to provide secondary education in the future.

Linda explained that the House of Joy is a self funding organisation. For further informtion, visit *www.houseofjoy.co.uk*

The Fellowship group meets in the Church Hall, Llanblethian on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. If you would like to know more about events and activities, contact Hazel Coates on 01443 226412 or Georgina Magnay on 01446 774335, or just come along to a meeting.

MJ

Brownies united for Remembrance

ON Remembrance Sunday, the Colwinston Brownies were joined by the Treoes Brownies to lead the procession to church after the act of Remembrance and wreath laying at the war memorial.

Trumpeter Tom Jose played *Last Post* and the *Rouse,* and wreaths were laid by Sheila Madge and Marion Thomas, whose fathers were killed in World War Two. Wreaths were laid by St David's School, the Women's Institute, the Brownies, the community council and the Village Hall Association.

At the church service, the 23 men who served in World War One and returned safely were remembered. Pupils of St David's School had made poppies, each bearing a name of these men and the four from WWII who were killed. They also wrote prayers and poems.

Sheila Madge provided photographs and memorabilia of her father and the Brownies sang a thankful song. Edward Lewis representing the community council read about the wars and a Bible reading was read by Pamela Haines.

After the service, Alan Horton, chairman of the Village Hall Association tolled the church bell 100 times to commemorate the 100 years since the Armistice.

Kath Jones

Barry Air Cadets remember Guy Gibson and all the Fallen

Air Cadets at Barry's cenotaph.

AIR Cadets from 372 Barry Squadron joined with members of Group 617 in the evening of Remembrance Sunday to place commemorative candles on the war memorial and Merchant Navy memorials.

With the public gathering earlier in the day dispersed and night time falling the commemorative candles were lit; subtly lighting up the war memorial and complementing the red of the wreaths laid earlier in the day.

The candles originated from the town of Steenburgen in the Netherlands, where Wing Commander Guy Gibson of 617 Squadron, The Dambusters, died in action.

Group 617 has built a close a relationship with the town and several of the Air Cadets have visited Steenburgen in recent years.

Group 617 works to make a difference to support war veterans; current, former members of the armed services and their families.

Chairman of Group 617, Russ Kitley said a few poignant words to the assembled congregation at both tBarry's cenotaph and the Merchant Navy memorials and thanked the air cadets for their assistance.

The cadets who paid tribute were Natasja Gill, James Jelinski, Luke Beecham, Calum Dowdell, Tom John, James Andrus, Coffie Smith.

AS

Citizens Advice Bridgend set to hold AGM

THE AGM of Citizens Advice Bridgend County Borough will be held at our Bridgend offices at 26 Dunraven Place, Bridgend, CF31 1JD on Wednesday, November 28 at 4 pm; all welcome.

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(B4265 FFORDD OSGOI LLANILLTUD FAWR, LLANILLTUD FAWR)
(CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDER 30MYA)
(DROS DRO) (RHIF 2) 2018

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ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio'n gyflymach na 30 m.y.a. yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad: Y rhan o'r B4265 Ffordd Osgoi Llanilltud Fawr o'r gyffordd â Goleuadau Traffig Eglwys Brewis / Trebefered i Oleuadau Traffig Ffordd Llanilltud (Sain Tathan fynedfa).

Rheswm: Mae'r cyfyngiad yn cael ei weithredu i alluogi gwaith ar gyffordd newydd.

Hyd: O 06.00 ar 19 Techewdd 2018 am hyd at 18 mis neu nes y caiff yr arwyddion eu symud, pa un bynnag yw'r cynharaf.

Dyddiedig 15 Tachwedd 2018

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
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(30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION)
(TEMPORARY) ORDER (No2) 2018

On the 15th November 2018 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

The Order will come into operation on the 19th November 2018 or on the date that the necessary Traffic Signs are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 19th November 2018 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location: The section of B4265 Llantwit Major Bypass from its junction with Eglwys Brewis / Boverton Traffic Lights to Llantwit Road (St Athan Entrance) Traffic Lights.

Reason: The restriction is being implemented to allow new junction works to take place.

Duration: From 06.00 Hours on 19th November 2018 a maximum period of 18 months or until the signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated this 15th day of November 2018

Director of Environment & Housing,
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New photography book launched in Penarth deli

A NEW book by local photographer Mathew Browne captures the beauty and diversity of Welsh landscapes and heritage, says Penarth bookshop owner Mel Griffin, who has teamed up with Foxy's Deli in the town to showcase Browne's work.

With its rugged mountains and peaceful lakes, quiet rural locations, breathtaking coastline and islands, three National Parks, ancient castles and historic towns and cities, Wales really is a place to be proud of and Mathew Browne inspires that feeling through his photography.

A selection of prints from the book will be on display at Foxy's from Monday, and the week will culminate in a talk and book signing event with Mathew on the evening of Friday, November 16. Contact Griffin Books for full details.

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JONES
Howard

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Mary Patricia (*née* Hook)

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Graham

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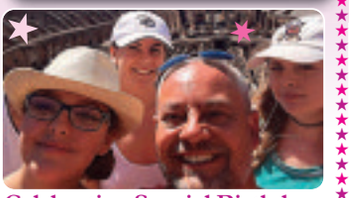

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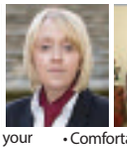

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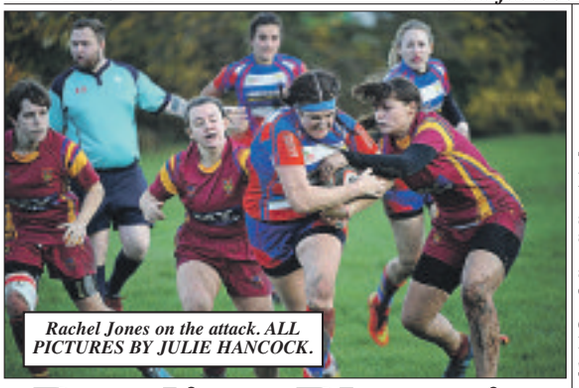

Rachel Jones on the attack. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.

Battling Phoenix come back to defeat Caernarfon

PENCOED Phoenix showed their battling qualities in this Premiership match against Caernarfon Ladies coming back from 7-21 down with a strong second half performance.

The visitors raced into a 0-14 lead in the opening quarter with two converted tries from full back Beth Davies, who 24 hours earlier had been with the Welsh squad at the Cardiff Arms Park.

Phoenix hit back following sustained pressure with a try from right wing Linzi Morgan.

Despite being well in the match territorially, Phoenix fell further behind when failing to deal with the opposition's kick ahead and Molly Shuttleworth raced over, Davies slotting her third conversion, and the home side found themselves 7-21 in arrears at the break.

Phoenix started the second half well and strong carries from front row forwards Lucy Cahil and Jody Jordan deep in the Caernarfon 22 saw the ball recycled and left wing Zoe Reeves raced over wide out.

Reeves soon got a second try following driving runs from second rows Emily Hughes and Rachel Jones and, at 17-21 down, Phoenix sensed a victory opportunity.

Katie Murphy finds the space.

The home side were now becoming increasingly dominant, winning phase after phase and creating chances.

With the home support now on tenterhooks it was not until the 79th minute that Phoenix got the all-important bonus point try, Jordan crashing over to put her side in the lead for the first time in the match and Leanne Burnell adding a fine conversion.

Phoenix were now in no mood to let this one slip and played out injury time with no real scares to seal a remarkable comeback.

For Caernarfon, Welsh squad member Brea Leung was prominent throughout, with Davies always a threat at full back with her counter-attacking play, both players in contention for the visitors' player of the match.

However this accolade went to diminutive pacy wing three-quarter Grace Johns, while for Phoenix the versatile Natalie O'Shea, starting out at No 7, gave her usual all-action performance and was chosen as best player in what was a superb all round team effort.

Caernarfon are to be congratulated on their commitment to Welsh womens rugby, and everyone at Pencoed RFC was conscious of their five-hour journey back to north Wales, something done on a fairly regular basis!

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Bridgend Athletic mini and junior rugby news round-up

THE under-7s welcomed Llantrisant to Newbridge Fields.

Despite inclement weather, the Ath had a squad of 18 players turn up. In true minis spirit no scores were kept.

Some fantastic tries were scored by both sets of teams, the Ath players showing real quality with ball in hand.

Well done to Callum Brown and Zavier Gardener who were this week's top taggers. Next up for the team is a trip to Bargoed on Sunday.

The under-8s also welcomed Llantrisant RFC to Newbridge Fields on Sunday.

Before any rugby got underway both teams' players, their coaches and supporters held a minute silence for Remembrance Day, which was upheld with the utmost respect.

Regardless of the adverse weather conditions on the build-up to and early hours of Sunday, the home side saw their squad attendance of 21 players significantly outnumbering the travelling squad of seven players.

To avoid standing around between games, the Ath were split into three teams, each taking it in turns to play the visitors while the other two played a training match against each other on an adjacent pitch.

Despite it being tag rugby, it's inevitable for there to be a degree of contact and at times the direct running of the visitors led to some heavy collisions.

In true Ath spirit the boys, as always, showed real grit and determination, immediately dusting themselves off and re-joining the action.

With the visitors only managing to field one team and playing back-to-back matches with very little rest in between, fatigue should have been a factor favouring the Ath.

In credit to the visitors, however, they stuck at the job in hand and the Ath' failed to exploit what should have been an advantage.

In total, four matches were played, with the Ath losing two, drawing one and winning one, along the way scoring a total of 21 tries and accumulating 71 tags.

Although the overall result went against the home side, there were a lot of positives to be taken from their morning's work. Their play is becoming less one dimensional and increasingly, the Ath players are offloading the ball before being tagged.

They are also starting to work scissor moves in offensive positions, wrong-footing the defence and opening-up gaps. Some superb tries were scored on the day as a direct result of these improving aspects of the Ath's play.

The under-9s welcomed Llantrisant to Newbridge Fields, boasting a squad of 21 players on the day despite the poor weather.

The Athletic coaches were really pleased with the players' defensive determination with so many players stepping up, and with their efforts at trying to play more as a team, looking to keep the ball moving.

Bridgend Athletic were too strong for Llantrisant, running out 60-5 winners over two 20-minute matches.

Try scorers were Mason Brown (three), Ashton Davies (three), Ethan Davies (two), Osian Kenny, Rhys Cawley, Rhys Gardiner and Zack Hughes. Next up for the under-9s is a trip to Bargoed.

The under-16s welcomed Tonmawr to Bridgend for an Ospreys Cup pool match.

Tonmawr, having won the previous two encounters between the teams, were probably confident of inflicting a third successive victory over the Ath.

However, from the start the team drove strongly forward, with the Ath winning the ruck and outside half Euan Rees putting in a long kick, driving Tonmawr deep into their own territory.

The Ath continued to pile on the pressure and some strong driving from the forwards saw No 8 Michael Gillette drive over from close range, Euan Rees converting.

Further pressure saw a great break from Ryan Neagle to feed Michael Gillette, who cut through a gap between two players and sprinted over from 30 metres to score wide out, Euan Rees narrowly missing the conversion.

Tonmawr then hit back with a good try of their own from a set scrum near the Ath line, which their scrum half converted.

The Ath responded with the best try of the match. Some great inter-passing between backs and forwards saw the ball reach prop John wide out. John then shrugged off a defender before racing away from 40 metres to score near the Tonmawr posts, Euan Rees again converting.

Just before half-time, a quick move by Tonmawr saw their left-wing race over in the corner to leave the Athletic 19-12 ahead at the break.

The second half was a very close affair with Tonmawr enjoying a moderately strong wind behind them. Passive scrums were also introduced as Tonmawr didn't have replacement props.

A scrum near the Tonmawr line saw Michael Gillette pick up and smash through the defence to score under the posts, again converted by outside half Euan Rees.

Tonmawr then utilised the wind to gain territory and charged down an attempted clearance kick saw to score wide out.

The remainder of the game saw the Ath on top and Gillette, Ryan Neagle and Tom Florence go close to scoring. The Athletic defence was also immense, preventing Tonmawr adding any further points.

The Ath team and coaches were delighted to record a great 26-17 victory against a very capable Tonmawr team and give them a good opportunity to progress from the pool stages of the tournament.

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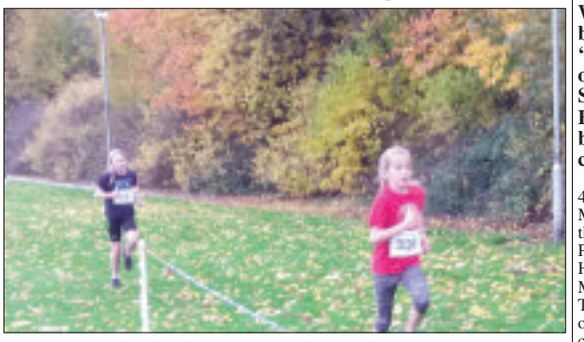
Local pupils show talent in cross country race



St Illtyd pupils cross the finishing line.

FOLLOWING the Rural Vale Cross Country competition for St Illtyd Primary earlier in the month, 12 of the Year 5 and 6 pupils were invited to take part at the next level of the competition last week.

Competitors travelled on a cold and damp morning to Trelai Park in Ely, Cardiff, to race against pupils from across south Wales, with over 400 schools having taken part during the trials stage.

Despite the conditions and the level of competition, the St Illtyd children all did really well completing the 1.5 km (year-5) or 2 km (year-6) course in good time and without stopping, making the teachers and parents present very proud.

A special mention must be made for the year-5 girls' team who finished second overall, with Flo Durrant finishing in bronze medal position, and Josie Thomas and Bel Durrant finishing sixth and seventh.

AS

Winter comes to Brynhill

WITH last week being the final 'real' competition of the season, Sunday saw Brynhill revert back to winter competitions.

Best on the day was 43 points from Ritchie Mason and Gary Ball, three better than Peter Phillips and Julian Hopkins, who squeezed Mike Fairhurst and Tony Thomas into third on a back nine countback.

On Saturday evening the club hosted its annual black tie presentation night.

It's tradition for competition winners to fill the cup they won with the beverage of their choice, then pass it round to the assembled masses – this could go some way to explaining the rather sparse turnout for the following days winter competition!

This year's major championship winners were club champion Scotty Bowman, who defeated Lee Price in the final, sweet revenge as Lee was the guy who beat Scott in the Ernest Williams final.

In the Wick Williams, Mitchel Taylor Moore saw off gallant Glaswegian Alan Sweeny and further rubbed salt in the wound by beating him again in the Howell Hughes final eight days later.

Glyn Coles won the Buck Rabbit, easing out Luke Pearson in the final, while Matt Lundrigan claimed the Morgan Williams Cup (gross) and Lewis Millar the Dai Rees Cup (gross).

The captain's prize was won by Peter Incledon with Scott Warne taking the best gross.

AS

The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

THE Barry Cup took centre stage as we reached the quarter-finals and the final four was decided.

Cogan Coronation claimed their second Premier Division scalp in the competition as they upset Rhoose away 2-1.

Cowbridge Town's league form continued into the cup with a 2-1 win over Cardiff Airport, while Penarth Town edged out first division Cadoxton Imps 4-3.

Cadoxton Barry won out in a Cadoxton derby to put out Division Two Cadoxton Athletic.

Only three league games were played on the weekend, and in the Premier Division Sully Sports lifted themselves off the foot of the table as they stunned league leaders Barry Athletic in a thrilling 4-3 away win.

That makes it two wins on the bounce for Sully while Athletic wobble at the top with this being a second straight league defeat.

In Division One runaway leaders Holton Road thrashed Tynewydd 7-1, which makes it 11 wins from 11 and puts Holton Road 14 points ahead of second place.

In Division Two Rhoose B closed the gap on leaders St Athan B to two points with a 1-0 win over Barry Athletic B with a game in hand.

This week the SWFA Cup takes centre stage with Barry Athletic, Rhoose and Island Marine all in action along with a handful of league games.

HD

Athletic players reunion

SATURDAY, December 1 is a date to pencil into your diaries for Bridgend Athletic former players.

The Athletic Old Boys Association are sponsoring the Division One East Central clash between current table toppers Rhiwbina and the Athletic at the Morganstone Brewery Field, kick-off 2.30pm.

Come along and support the current squad and then join everybody at the Ewenny Road clubhouse for a players reunion.

Former coaches and supporters also most welcome to come along and reminisce with former players and meet the current team and coaches.

A buffet at £5 a head is available - contact match and reunion coordinator David Davison (*dadavison13@hotmail.com*) if buffet is required.

AB

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MOTORING COLUMN BY TONY YATES

I AM not a person who drives very fast anywhere, really – because I am used to driving around in my VW UP!

Although it's the GTi version, it still only has 115BHP which by today's standards is not fast at all. So, when Seat dropped me off the Leon ST CUPRA 300 I was very excited, and like any man I decided that I liked it before I had even turned the key.

Power and Efficiency: My test car was fitted with 2.0-litre TSi engine that manages to complete 0-62 mph sprint in just 4.9 seconds, yet returns an average of 39.2 mpg. Plant your foot all the way into the carpet and you will achieve a max speed of 155 mph.

So, what's all the fuss about then? Well, it's the way the Leon gets you to where you want to go, and at such a pace that you need to restrain yourself from going totally bonkers.

The sheer acceleration of the Leon boggles the mind and to be honest that's something I could do all day long – roads permitting, of course. No wonder it has a 'CUPRA' setting and I suggest you only engage that setting if you know how to handle a fast car.

On the road: As you would expect from a CUPRA, the handling is poised, thanks to Seat doing a proper job of setting up the suspension which is controlled and gives the Leon a planted feel on the road.

The ride can be quite harsh, especially for those of you who wanted a softer approach; although the Leon CUPRA ST is a car you buy because you want it to do all things a normal estate can't, with the added bonus of Seat's 4Drive which keeps everything in check – meaning it pretty much sticks to the road under most conditions.

All of this, of course, improves the high speed cornering response of the Leon by keeping you firmly planted onto the road ahead.

Road and wind noise are not a problem for the CUPRA ST either, as Seat have refined it well to

deal with additional noise from the onset. The only noise you will get is from that wonderful 2.0TSi engine and that burble of 300PS thundering down the road.

Design and Technology: As you would expect from Seat, the cabin materials are of a good quality and you can see that there has been no penny pinching on the interior – and all-around visibility is good.

Seating is a big plus point in the ST, and it shows. A large family needs lots of rear legroom and the ST does not disappoint here either.

The Leon CUPRA ST also comes with a large amount of tech and extras that you wouldn't find in a normal estate. Below is just a small amount of what you can expect:

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To sum up: I love the Leon CUPRA ST, it's a brilliant estate. As with all Seats, there will be very little to go wrong as their reliability in general is excellent.

As Seat is part of the VW Group, you can also expect build quality to be good and Seat's use of quality components and the material is second to none, and something that makes the Leon CUPRA ST one of the better buys.

Price: from £33,175.

Bridgend Bridge Club news

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

The club pairs competition was played over the previous two Wednesdays, the combined results are: First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, Liam Sheridan and John Beard; third, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones.

On Wednesday, November 7: First, Julian Pottage and Tony Ratcliff; equal second, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams, and Liam Sheridan and John Beard, and Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner. The winners on handicap were Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner.

On Thursday, November 18: First, Dilys Bowser and V Irene Thomas; second, Stuart Davies and Peter Rowley; third, Mike Williams and Gareth Jenkins. The winners on handicap were Dilys Bowser and V. Irene Thomas.

The Children in Need Simultaneous Pairs was played on Friday, November 9: First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, Norma and David Newman; equal third, Vida Halford and Linda Jenkins, and Debbie and Simon Richards. The winners on handicap were Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

A new course of bridge lessons have started on Monday afternoons at Nolton Church Hall from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, and it's not too late to join the course.

For more information, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email Steve at steve@steveburgoyne.plus.com.

GJ

The Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for November 5 are as follows:

First, John Raymond and Alan Lewis, 64.29 per cent; second, Debbie and Simon Richards, 62.66 per cent; third, Anne Hughes and Trish Roe, 62.34 per cent.

LE

Boat competition

CARDIFF Bay Yacht Club hold their annual boat competition on December 9.

Possibly the largest single-day competition in the UK, 150 fishing boats and 450 anglers attended last year.

There are some great sponsors with brilliant prizes, so get your application forms in early. For more information, visit *cbyc.co.uk*.

DS

Help make it plain sailing for Celtic Capability charity

CELTIC Capability Sailing is a new sailing charity based in Barry, and it needs your help.

The charity makes sailing accessible to all, particularly disadvantaged and disabled people. Sailing is great for the body and mind so getting more people out on the water will make a positive impact while being a lot of fun.

The charity was founded recently and will see its first full year of operations in 2019. Although the charity is new, excitement is building for the opportunities it will bring. The charity offers sailing experiences that are affordable and accessible, and it's developing links with other clubs and charities to provide progression routes for new sailors who want to develop their skills further and get more involved in the sport.

The sailing charity has just one boat at the moment. That means that the spaces available for people to sail are limited. There are many groups in Barry and the south Wales area that are really excited about being able to sail for the first time with Celtic, but at the moment they are being added to a waiting list. The charity aims to buy a second boat as soon as possible to help us reach more people. A second boat will mean that larger groups and families can sail together too.

Celtic Capability Sailing has applied to the Aviva Community fund for money to buy a second boat. If successful, the bid could provide another 'Hawk' keel boat and the safety equipment needed to go with it. A second boat would make a huge difference to the charity and the people it works with, but Celtic Capability Sailing needs your help.

All bids for Aviva Community funds are currently open to public vote. The bids with the most votes by November 20 will go to the judges' table for the final decision on who gets the funding they need. It takes just a few minutes to register to vote and Celtic Capability Sailing would really appreciate any support you can give.

Please go to the Aviva web page at community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/4-1504 and vote for Celtic. It doesn't cost anything to vote but it could be worth a huge amount to disadvantaged and disabled people in Barry and south Wales.

AS

News on and off the turf

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan sent his nine-year-old *Lord Fendale* on a 381 miles journey to Musselburgh on Wednesday, November 7.

The horse was running in the Start Your Racing UK Free Trial Now Handicap Hurdle and, partnered by D. G. Noonan, the nine-year-old gelding, who carried top weight of 11 stone, 12lbs, led until the last flight of hurdles, only to be passed on the run-in by the bottom-weighted *Rioja Day,* who was in receipt of one stone and 11lbs.

Lord Fendale went off the 2-1 favourite whereas *Rioja Day*, who was ridden by Danny McMenamin, was returned at odds of 15-2.

TIM'S SEDGFIELD WINNER

HORSES from Tim Vaughan's Aberthin yard are certainly catching the judges' eyes of late and at Sedgefield last Thursday his *Kovera* ran out an 18 lengths winner of the novices' handicap chase.

Confidently ridden by Alan Johns, the bottom-weighted six-year-old was returned the 9-4 favourite.

At Market Rasen, Peter Bowen's *Ron's Dream,* at eight the oldest horse in the 188Bet.Co.UK Bud Booth's Mares' Chase, was an half-a-length from the even-money favourite *Casablanca*.

A 9-1 chance, *Ron's Dream* was ridden by Bowen's son Sean.

EVAN'S AINTREE WINNER

EVAN WILLIAMS' *Quoi De Neuf*, a winner of an Irish point-to-point race last season, partnered by dual Grand National winning jockey Leighton Aspell, landed the National Hunt Novices' Hurdle at Aintree last Saturday.

A 3-1 chance, *Quoi De Neuf* won by two-and-a-half lengths from another former Irish point-to-pointer, *Redzor*.

In the principal race of the day, the Rewards4Racing Handicap Chase, which was worth £49,520 to the winner and which Evan had won last year with *On Tour*, his *King's Odyssey* found one too good for him in the Peter Hobbs-trained *War Sound* and was beaten by some six lengths.

BRIAN LEE

Seniors brave the weather

ON a damp morning recently, 32 members of St Mary's Golf Club senior section took part in an individual Stableford competition.

In spite of the challenging conditions and the profusion of fallen leaves which made ball finding especially difficult, the event was well-contested with all three of the final placings returning scores better than the par of 36.

Section captain Hugh Williams and Roy Denton both returned 37 points and, following a count back, were placed second and third respectively.

With a score of 39 and a clear margin of two points, the victory was claimed by the section's former paramedic, Trevor Evans.

In their second event of the week, and in worsening weather, a short field of 15 hardy members turned out for a team Stableford competition which was sensibly played over just 12 holes.

Teeing off in three-balls, the teams recorded two of the three scores on each hole. Against a par of 48 over the 12 holes, the honours were taken by the team of Roger Hatton, George Parry and Wayne Newton with a six better than par score of 54.

NJL

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First team thank shirt sponsor

DINAS POWYS FC would like to thank Paul Mansi of UK Air Ltd, who has sponsored the first team kit.

Paul of Dinas Powys, pictured with vice-chairman Mike Colley (centre) and chairman Brian Clifton, received a framed shirt at a recent home game.

Paul said: "It's great to help out with my local club and the community, good luck to the team for the season."

MC

Free disability sports sessions

THE Vale Council's Play Development team has organised a day of free disability sessions.

There are over 50 sport and physical activity clubs across the Vale, which offer opportunities for disabled people.

The sessions will take place in Barry Leisure Centre on Saturday, November 17, from 11.30am-2pm.

The sport sessions include tasters several sports such as Boccia, athletics and rugby.

Members of the Vale's Play Development Team will be on hand to offer a range of play activities and answer any questions you may have.

For more information, contact Simon Jones, Senior Healthy Living Officer (Disability Sport) on 704728 or email SLJones@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Allform skittles cup competition

LAST week was an open week in the both the club and men's pubs skittles leagues.

There were no games played in the club league and the second round of the Allform Cup was played in the men's pubs skittles league.

Results: Bunker Boys beat Hairy Lemons; 49ers beat Alternatives; Posties beat Merrymen; Exiles beat Park Rangers; Blue Monkey beat Witchill Nomads; Mighty Dockers beat Cavaliers; Park Lads beat British Rail; BP Breakaways beat Glenbrook Flyers.

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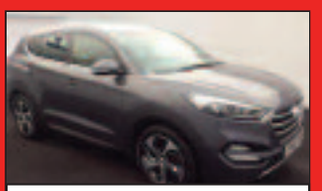

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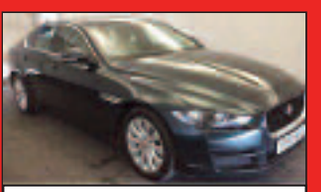

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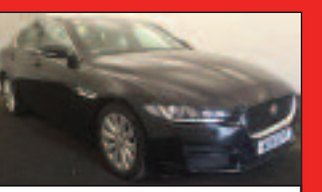

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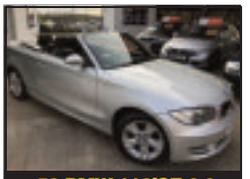

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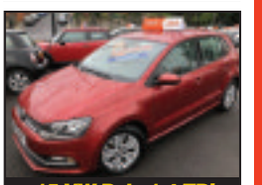

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Cowbridge RFC defeat Old Illtyds in 11-try thriller!

LAST Saturday Cowbridge RFC entertained Old Illtydians at the Athletic Field and they showed why they are on a hot streak of form, having won their last four matches.

In a thoroughly entertaining game Cowbridge managed to pull through and win a game which saw 11 tries scored.

After torrential rain the night before and earlier that morning the pitch was in remarkably good condition at kick-off.

Old Illtyds came out of the blocks much quicker and sustained pressure in the opening minutes required a defensive effort which brought centre Sam Stephens and hooker Craig Boxall to the fore.

But on 17 minutes, after driving play down the left, their No 8 crossed the line for an unconverted try.

Second row Lewys Hopkins came to the sidelines with an injury and James Darke raced on.

Five minutes later a high kick wasn't fielded well by Cowbridge, Old Illtyds snaffled the ball and spun it to the left where again their No 8 crossed for another try with the conversion going over off a post.

Flanker Ellis Reed, outstanding in games this season, came off too with a knock and Dai Breed went on.

Minutes later there was a great response from Cowbridge as a counter-attack by wing Rhydian Williams led to a penalty kick to the corner.

Captain Ross Gibbon won the lineout, and the ball moved to outside half Gareth Williams-Davies who dabbed it through for centre Stephens to touch down a try that full back Josh Thomas converted.

A pass taken by No 8 Davies saw him straighten the line, offload to Boxall and onto Gibbon to stretch his considerable height to reach over the line and score. Thomas converted.

With seven minutes to half-time Stephens burst through the middle and returned the favour for Williams-Davies to touch down with the conversion making it 21-12.

Old Illytyds came back as the ball moved to the right, and their No 8 crossed for a converted try. Half-time saw the scoreboard read a nervy 21-19.

The half-time team talk resulted in Joe Davies chasing the kick off and putting in a thumping tackle.

Twn minutes in, after a missed penalty, Williams-Davies moved the ball left to Thomas and then quick hands by Davies took it onto Rhydian Williams to scamper over.

The game restarted with a penalty to Cowbridge for back chat to the referee, and two minutes later a great take in the lineout by Gibbon went straight to scrum half Hywel Williams; a half dummy and he went through the lineout, Gibbon reacted quickly and took the pass in support for his second try.

Centre Tom James, after a another very solid game, came off with a side injury and Huw Lougher, back after injury, came on.

Hywel Williams, having another outstanding game, got a pass out to his brother Rhydian in the Cowbridge half and he set off through traffic then into the clear, rounding the full back with a hand off to touch down under the posts. Thomas added the extras.

There was more great defence as Old Illtyds came back again and from a scrum they moved the ball right and their winger crossed.

With 15 minutes remaining lively Adam Dix came off and Ioan Lewis came on. A great drive led by Dai Breed almost took him to the line before another penalty went wide

Then, with two minutes to go, a kick downfield was fielded by Rhydian and he passed infield to brother Hywel and on to Davies to burst between tacklers.

He made 30 metres before offloading to Huw Lougher in support, and with a loud cheer he crossed for a try that Thomas converted.

Just before the end Ioan Lewis made a lovely run down the right wing to show his rich promise, ending the scoring at 45-24.

Old Illtyds contributed to a very enjoyable game, but the Cowbridge team played very well and mention also goes to George Thomas and Jon Bater, solid in the tight and lively in the loose, and Rhys Price gave a good account of himself in the back row.

The team fought back and keeping a very high tempo won the game. Add to that the substitutes, who made telling contributions to show the overall strength of the squad. Well done boys.

The first XV are next in action against CR Cymry Caerdydd on December 1. The youth team are in action on November 24 at home to Abercynon.

This Thursday from 7.30pm the club will welcome this year's Beaujolais Noveau. It is always an enjoyable evening with breads and cheese to enjoy with the wine . All are welcome.

Finally players and members lost in conflict were remembered at the cricket club dinner and also at the Armistice parade on the Sunday.

The club, indeed the town, thank all those who contributed to that Sunday.

Special thanks must go to Rev Heather Weddell for all she did through the day, ending with a very moving lighting of the beacon at the club at 7pm. **RV/RK**

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, November 6 the first rounds of the Mixed Double competition were played at the Edmondes Arms.

A record number of 18 teams took part. In the quarter finals: Amanda Edwards and Iain Jones defeated Katie George and Michael O'Leary, all four from the Victoria Inn.

Lynda Smith (Edmondes A) and Nick Smith (Edmondes B) defeated Allyson Thompson and Gerry Austin from Llanharry.

Lauren Spear and Luke Richards from the Edmondes B won against Natasha Larsen and Simon Reader from the Hairy Farmers, while in the last game of the evening, Michaela Bradwick and Trevor Morgan from the Edmondes A defeated Jean Curnow and Neil Curnow from the Red Lion. In this match Trevor Morgan hit a 180.

Present league standings remain unchanged and are: Edmondes B (44 points), Highwayman Inn (40), Edmondes A and Llanharry (24), Farmers Arms and Hairy Farmers (22), Victoria Inn (19), One Town Hall Square and Edmondes C (8) and Red Lion Inn (5).

Next week (Tuesday, November 20) we will have a full programme of fixtures. The One Town Hall Square hosts the Farmers Arms, the Edmondes A hosts the Edmondes B, the Hairy Farmers hosts the Victoria Inn and the Edmondes C hosts Llanharry. In the additional game, the Highwayman Inn hosts the Red Lion Inn.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk. **PJT**

Cricket club welcome rugby's Phil Bennett to presentation evening

David Gascoyne receiving the JSW Williams salver for second XI 'player of the year'. David also received the SWCA most runs in Division 5 - 712 - and most dismissals - 14 - in the division awards.

Tom Merilaht and Ben Wright receiving the SWCA trophy for individually reaching a 1000 runs in the season. Ben also received the most runs award in the division - 1122 - and the award for most dismissals - 24.

Captain Chris Willey presenting junior co-ordinator Sarah Russell with a bouquet for scoring all the first XI matches.

The Colin Adams Shield young player of the year award went to Rian Thomas.

A special award went to Jeffrey Davies who has scored for 50 years for the club.

Brad Evans - SWCA top wicket taker in Division 1 with 36 wickets plus the Peter Finucane 'Catch It' Cup for best catch of the season.

Club chairman Hugh Williams.

COWBRIDGE Cricket Club held its annual dinner and presentation awards evening at the Athletic Club last Friday.

One hundred players, committee persons, members, guests and friends enjoyed a four course meal provided by Andrew Tucker caterers.

Club chairman Hugh Williams compered the evening after our president Jeff Bird read out the list of members who died in the two World Wars and more recently in Iraq.

This was quickly followed by a 'heads and tails' quiz on this season's cricketing stats which was won by Alistair Lawson.

The chairman introduced the guests – Mark O'Leary, the head coach of MCCU who recently won the ECB Coach of the Year award for his contribution and development of regional cricket; Philip Payne, the managing director of one of our principal sponsors, Mulbery Financial Services; and John Griffiths, chairman of Cowbridge RFCc was thanked for his co-operation with the two sections of the club.

Our principal guest was Phil Bennett, accompanied by his wife Pat.

As most sports people know Phil is a well-known rugby legend of note, having played for Wales 29 times between 1969-1978.

He gained eight Lions caps and played 16 seasons for his beloved Llanelli. He has received his OBE for services to rugby.

He played cricket until 52 for his beloved Felinfoel CC, of which he is now the president.

After dessert he presented the awards to various club members before entertaining the gathering to humorous and honest accounts, especially at the hands of the Lions players.

In conclusion Rhys Williams, with questions from the audience, conducted a Q&A with Phil, who was emotional at the disappointment of the current Glamorgan CC situation.

Chris Willey gave an excellent account of the frustrations and highlights of the first XI season where promotion to the Premier B League was missed by eight points at the hands of Gorseinon – where the home fixture against them was cancelled due to rain.

The chairman gave a brief account of successes and downfalls of the current year and laid down the goals for next season.

He thanked all the individuals who have sponsored the club and all those persons on and off the field for their support to the club.

He wished everyone a safe journey home and hoped to see them all next year. **HW**

Boxer Tom impresses in victory

IT was back to winning ways for Llantwit Major Amateur Boxing Club's youth boxer Thomas Collins recently, as he travelled to Abercwmboi to box Hope and Glory boxer Cameron Richmond.

Straight away from the first bell, Tom (in the blue corner) rushed to the centre of the ring to exchange shots.

Both boxers landed cleanly, and Tom set about putting his opponent under pressure, taking him to the ropes and setting the tempo of the bout.

Tom has been working hard in the gym on using angles to get in and out of range, and it showed on the night.

The second round saw Tom give his opponent a well-executed body to head combination shot causing the referee to step in and give a standing count.

We asked Tom to finish all three rounds with pressure and work rate, and he did exactly that, convincing the judges to award him a unanimous decision win.

Tom showed the progress he has been making in the gym, and it was a pleasure to watch his hard work pay off. **KJ**

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AFTER 10 YEARS AND 13 DEFEATS, WARREN GATLAND'S MEN FINALLY CHALK UP WIN AGAINST AUSTRALIA

No tries but plenty of drama on a tense afternoon

Relief for Wales as dreaded hoodoo of Australia is lifted

by PHILIP IRWIN

Leigh Halfpenny looks dazed and confused after being flattened by Kerevi. All photos by the Huw Evans Agency.

Cory Hill is in the grasp of two Aussies.

George North left the field early in the second half with an injury.

Gareth Davies clears for Wales.

A NATION let out a collective sigh of relief just after 7.15pm last Saturday, as Wales finally managed to defeat Australia.

The '13 defeats in a row' statistic hung heavily over the Principality Stadium all afternoon. Whether it was just a jinx, or evidence that Wales were missing something crucial, depended on whether you are a 'glass half full' or 'glass half empty' character.

However, one thing that the optimists and pessimists would agree on is that you don't end a sequence like that with a champagne rugby performance. This wasn't even a Cava performance.

Comparing what Wales and Australia served up to events down the M4 at Twickenham didn't bode well for the future. Despite pouring rain, England and New Zealand handled brilliantly at times – particularly the Kiwis.

In contrast, despite being protected from the elements by the Principality Stadium roof, handling errors became contagious as the match progressed.

In one passage of play, Australia spilled the ball three times but kept possession as each time it went backwards. On another day, a Welsh hand or foot might have got to the ball and a breakaway might have led to something, but the hallmark of this match was that although there were plenty of errors, none led to a try.

A sports report staple is to fasten on some crucial moments – preferably of brilliance, but failing that on errors, or maybe a refereeing controversy.

Sadly, moments of brilliance were in short supply, but we did have the other two, and Leigh Halfpenny was involved in both. We'll come back to these later.

The game was full of promise at the start. Australia produced two slick three-quarter movements inside the first three minutes. The first led to a dangerous kick ahead that George North had to scramble into touch, while the second could well have been a try.

Quick hands put centre Samu Kerevi clear with only Gareth Anscombe to beat but the powerful Aussie lost control as he tried to transfer the ball from one hand to the other, and the Welsh outside half was able to dislodge it.

There was more pressure on Wales three minutes later when Bernard Foley launched a high kick that was taken very calmly by Leigh Halfpenny under his posts.

A couple of minutes later it was Wales' turn to put Australia under pressure, as they put together several phases before Anscombe chipped for Josh Adams, but it was just too long for the Worcester wing to get to.

Adams would go on to be a definite success for Wales, solid in defence and always sharp and threatening in attack.

Next, Wales put together a 13-phase attack, but it was slow going, with the back row of Pocock, Hooper and Dempsey stopping any quick recycling.

It did, however, end with a penalty to Wales. a routine kick for Halfpenny, and eyebrows were raised when he sent it a foot wide.

On the 20-minute mark normal service was resumed (we all assumed) when Australia were penalised at a scrum and Halfpenny kicked the three points.

Soon after the restart, Australia put together a 16-phase attack but the Welsh back row of Tipuric, Lydiate and Moriarty were equally successful in slowing down the opposition. Eventually, second row Adam Coleman gave a taste of what was to come when he dropped a straightforward pass.

The play was resolutely stuck in midfield until, after 32 minutes, Dan Lydiate was offside and Foley kicked the penalty to bring the scores level.

It was Australian pressure for the next five minutes until, after one very slick attack, they were penalised at the breakdown and Anscombe's penalty took Wales into the opposition 22.

They attacked from the line out and the Australians were penalised almost bang in front of their posts just 25 metres out. It was a routine kick for Halfpenny and there was a gasp of astonishment when he missed. It was as if Francesco Molinari had suddenly shanked an eight iron.

The normally impassive kicker looked aghast and put his hands to his head in shock, and the half time whistle sent him back to the dressing room to think things through.

It had not been a good game to watch, but the second half started well, with plenty of movement. After six minutes, however, George North limped off, hopefully as a precautionary measure, but Wales were not significantly weakened as he was replaced by Liam Williams.

After 10 minutes, Foley declined an easy three points, electing to kick the penalty into the corner, but Wales defended the attempted driving maul and were awarded the scrum.

Soon after Australia were once again awarded a penalty in a kickable position, but again Foley kicked for the corner. It was even worse this time as the line out was messed up and Wales cleared the ball again – Jonathan Davies launching a massive kick downfield, resulting in Wales gaining a scrum in an attacking position.

Last week against Scotland, Tomos Williams replaced Gareth Davies at scrum half for perhaps the last 10 minutes, but this time he came on with 25 minutes still to play. A reward for looking assured last week, perhaps.

However, mistakes were still happening. Jonathan Davies and Josh Adams combined well to make 20 metres or so but then, as he was attempting to work the blind side, Tomos Williams nudged the ball forward.

Soon after, Wales turned the ball over in a promising position and Ellis Jenkins (on for Dan Lydiate) kicked ahead when there was no need.

Soon after, Tomos Williams made a good break and desperate Australian defence led to an easy penalty for Wales. It was from a similar position to Halfpenny's shock miss and this time he made it, but only just, the ball scraping the inside of the post. It was not an 'all is well again' effort.

Mistakes continued. Foley sent a long kick from near half way, designed to trap Wales in their own 22, but he overhit it and the ball went dead, giving Wales a scrum on the half way line.

Shortly after, Foley was replace by Matt Toomua.

Next, it was Wales' turn to make a mistake. A promising backs move came to grief when Anscombe's pass hit Cory Hill on the head (the second row may not have been the intended target) and Australia regained possession and kicked long – sparking the game's biggest controversy.

Halfpenny had plenty of time to collect and to clear, but Kerevi then flattened him long after the ball had gone.

Referee Ben O'Keefe charitably ruled that Kerevi had attempted a charge down and had then been unaware that his momentum was taking him towards the Welsh full back. The crowd's reaction to the big screen replay of Kerevi's shoulder crashing into Halfpenny's head was less charitable.

An accident, said the ref, and to send the crowd into a raging fury, he ruled that after Halfpenny's kick had been caught by an Australian, Wales had infringed and given a penalty away.

Last week I commented that Alun Wyn Jones was quick to stop Elliot Dee arguing with the referee, but this time the Welsh captain was incensed, and I really can't recall any Welsh captain straying so close to outright dissent. Fortunately, referee O'Keefe stayed in charitable mode.

When it was time to take the penalty, it was probably Toomua's first touch of the ball, and he faced a 45-metre kick from the touchline, but his nerve held and he made it 6–6.

Halfpenny was taken off for a head impact assesment, replaced by Dan Biggar. Almost immediately, Wales were awarded a penalty when Australia's substitute back row forward, Ned Hanigan, was too slow rolling away from a ruck.

Just as his opposing substitute outside half had done, Biggar stayed cool and slotted the kick for a 9–6 Welsh win, and I can't help wondering if the HIA was Wales' lucky break.

At half time, Halfpenny must have wracked his brain to work out what had caused those two misses – in particular the second. His successful penalty in the second half was unlikely to have settled his mind.

There's a famous quote in golf that was first said by Gene Littler, a very consistent American professional. Once, he unaccountably collapsed over the last six holes of a 72-hole tournament.

In the press room, the first question was: "Gene, what happened?"

His answer was: "Guys, if I knew what happened, it *wouldn't* have happened."

I'm not sure that Leigh Halfpenny knew what happened, and if he had stepped up to take that vital penalty, it would have been tense for everyone.

Now, he can look at the video, get back on the practice ground, work out what happened, and put his mind at rest. That's the way to put that blip behind him, but the last few minutes of a mistake-ridden game, with a 13-year hoodoo at stake, would have been a cruel test.

This Saturday it will be Tonga, and the Welsh coaching team has indicated that key players will be 'rested' – if that's the right term for a programme of conditioning to get them ready for the final autumn fixture against South Africa.

One thing is certain, the Principality Stadium won't be too pleased with a 9–6 win over Tonga.